Commencement Schedule

Friday, Dec. 7, 2018

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Graduate School
Bramlage Coliseum, 1 p.m.

26
Kansas State University Polytechnic Campus
Student Life Center, Salina, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018

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College of Arts and Sciences
Bramlage Coliseum, 8:30 a.m.

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College of Education
Bramlage Coliseum, 10 a.m.

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College of Business Administration
Bramlage Coliseum, 11:30 a.m.

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College of Agriculture
Bramlage Coliseum, 1 p.m.

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College of Human Ecology
Bramlage Coliseum, 2:30 p.m.

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College of Engineering
Bramlage Coliseum, 4 p.m.
Dear Graduates,

On behalf of Kansas State University, we extend our sincerest congratulations and best wishes on your graduation.

Your degree represents work and commitment on your part and on the part of those who have helped you along your way. Whether it is your family, friends, faculty, staff or fellow students, know that all are proud of your accomplishments.

Commencement marks a milestone in your life and sets you on a journey toward a productive and fulfilling career. We hope you use the knowledge and preparation you received at K-State to move forward and make a difference throughout your life, whether in the career field, in the community or in other worthy pursuits.

As you embark and progress in your career and life, know that Kansas State University will always encourage you along the way. You are now part of our network of more than 200,000 proud alumni worldwide. We urge you to remain connected to the university through the K-State Alumni Association, which is providing you and fellow graduates with a year’s free membership.

Please find opportunities to return to campus, whether to continue your education, share your experiences and expertise with future K-Staters, take in an athletic or cultural event, or just to catch up on your alma mater.

Congratulations and best wishes for the future,
Alma Mater
by H.W. Jones, class of 1888

I know a spot that I love full well,
'Tis not in forest nor yet in dell;
Ever it holds me in magic spell,
I think of thee, Alma Mater.

K-S-U, we'll carry the banner high.
K-S-U, long, long may thy colors fly.
Loyal to thee, thy children will swell the cry.
Hail, Hail, Hail, Alma Mater.
Kansas State University is on its way to becoming one of the nation’s Top 50 public research universities by 2025. The visionary K-State 2025 plan, launched in 2010, serves as a guide for our decision-making and priority-setting in all facets of the university, including academics, facility needs, research, engagement and athletics. For more information and to track our progress, go to k-state.edu/2025.

Founded in 1863 as the country’s first operational land-grant university, Kansas State University has campuses in Manhattan, Olathe and Salina, which is known as Kansas State Polytechnic Campus, as well as K-State Global Campus, which serves distance education students. K-State Research and Extension also has a presence throughout Kansas.

The mission of Kansas State University is to foster excellent teaching, research and service that develop a highly skilled and educated citizenry necessary to advancing the well-being of Kansas, the nation and the international community.

The university embraces diversity and inclusion, encourages engagement and is committed to the discovery of knowledge, the education of undergraduate and graduate students, and improvement in the quality of life and standard of living of those we serve.

Forbes magazine, the Princeton Review and U.S. News & World Report have recognized Kansas State University as one of the best in America.

More than 22,000 students from across the U.S. and more than 100 countries attend Kansas State University. Students can choose from more than 250 majors and options in nine colleges: Agriculture; Architecture, Planning & Design; Arts and Sciences; Business Administration; Education; Engineering; Human Ecology; Technology and Aviation; and Veterinary Medicine. The Graduate School offers more than 110 academic programs.

K-State also enjoys strong support from its alumni and friends. With more than 200,000 alumni, the K-State Alumni Association is ranked among the top five alumni associations in the nation for the percentage of graduates who are members. The Kansas State University Foundation’s Innovation and Inspiration Campaign has already earned more than $1.1 billion and is on its way to reaching $1.4 billion by 2020.

Called "the Silicon Valley for biodefense” because of its leadership in food safety and security and agrodefense, Kansas State University is home to four Feed the Future labs, an initiative by the U.S. Agency for International Development to increase food production in nations with limited resources. The university also is home to the Biosecurity Research Institute, which supports comprehensive “farm-to-fork” infectious disease research programs that address threats to plant, animal and human health. Construction is underway adjacent to the Manhattan campus of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s National Bio and Agro-defense Facility, which will be the nation’s premier animal disease research facility.

Total research efforts at Kansas State University have led to more than 250 patents to date. The university has more than 90 research centers, including the 8,600-acre Konza Prairie Biological Station and the Johnson Cancer Research Center. Our distinguished faculty members are tackling such issues as climate change, cybersecurity, sustainable energy, urban revitalization and more — often involving undergraduate students in their work.

Kansas State University, by the numbers
1 — Where Money magazine ranks K-State on its list of best colleges in Kansas.
4 — Years in a row K-State is rated the best value in Kansas by SmartAsset.
5 — Years in row K-State receives the HEED Award for diversity and inclusion.
6 — Years in a row K-State’s National Strategic Selling Institute named one of nation’s top sales programs.
9 — Times in a row K-State’s Crops Team is national champion.
9 — Academic colleges, offering a variety of academic disciplines.
10 — Times in the last 13 years K-State’s Black Student Union has been named best in the Big 12.
200+ — Fellowships held by faculty and patents developed at the university.
$248 million — Financial aid distributed annually, including scholarships, student wages and veterans’ benefits.
250+ — Academic majors and options.
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### Graduation honors

- **Summa cum laude**: For students with a 3.95 or above GPA.
- **Magna cum laude**: For students with a 3.85-3.949 GPA.
- **Cum laude**: For students with a 3.75-3.849 GPA.

Note: Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree candidates receive these honors based on courses completed in the professional program. For the purpose of the commencement ceremony, unofficial graduation honors are recognized for bachelor's degree candidates who possess the required K-State cumulative grade point average prior to the start of the semester in which they plan to participate in the commencement ceremony, and who have completed or are currently enrolled in enough credit hours to satisfy the credit hour requirements.
Introduction: Gerard Kluitenberg, Professor, Agronomy

Graduate Student Council Greetings: Emily Pascoe, President, Graduate Student Council

Processional: Lars Quincke, Junior, Applied Music

Presentation of Graduate Faculty: Carol Shanklin, Dean

National Anthem: Morgan Higgins, Senior, Music Education

Conferral of Degrees: Carol Shanklin, Dean

Greetings from the Kansas Board of Regents: Dennis A. Mullin, Regent

Recessional: Lars Quincke, Junior, Applied Music

Recognition of University Distinguished Professors: Charles S. Taber, Provost and Executive Vice President

Marshals: Gerard Kluitenberg, Professor, Agronomy

Honorees: Mary Beth Kirkham, Agronomy

Ronaldo Maghirang, Associate Dean, College of Engineering Research and Graduate Programs, and Director, Engineering Experiment Station

David C. Poole, Kinesiology, and Anatomy and Physiology

Kenneth Hughey, Professor, Special Education, Counseling and Student Affairs

Jim Sherow, History

John Morris, Professor, Accounting

Recognition of Commerce Bank and W.T. Kemper Foundation Distinguished Graduate Faculty Award: Carol Shanklin, Dean

Evan Titgemeyer, Professor and Interim Department Head, Animal Sciences and Industry

Honorees: Kimberly Kirkpatrick, Professor, Psychological Sciences

Kristan Corwin, Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, and Professor, Physics

T.G. Nagaraja, University Distinguished Professor, Diagnostic Medicine and Pathobiology

Bronwyn Fees, Associate Dean, College of Human Ecology, and Professor, Family Studies and Human Services

Glade Topham, Associate Professor, Family Studies and Human Services

Reader: Vincent Carlisle

University Mace Carrier: Spencer Wood, Associate Professor, Sociology

Introduction of Commencement Speaker and Presentation of Honorary Degree: Richard B. Myers, President

Anthropology and Social Work

Commencement Address: Dan Glickman, Former Secretary of Agriculture

Alumni Association Greetings: Amy Button Renz, President and CEO, K-State Alumni Association
Kansas Board of Regents

Dennis A. Mullin was appointed to the Kansas Board of Regents by Gov. Sam Brownback in 2015 and currently serves as board chairman.

The chairman of Steel and Pipe Supply, Mullin leads one of the largest steel service centers in the nation. He earned his bachelor's degree in 1970 from Pittsburg State University, graduating with the honor of Outstanding Senior Man. He was named an outstanding young alumnus of his alma mater in 1984.

Mullin is a member of the Business Advisory Council for the College of Business Administration at Kansas State University, trustee emeritus for the KSU Foundation and a board member of the KS StateBank of Manhattan. He was selected as entrepreneur of year by Ernst Young and INC magazine for the state of Kansas and western Missouri in 1995. Mullin is a past president/chairman of the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce, Manhattan Rotary Club and Greater Manhattan Community Foundation. He is a founding member and president of the Boys and Girls Club, Flinthills Breadbasket and Flint Hills Christian School, all of Manhattan.

He and his wife, Rhonda, have two children and four grandchildren. In his free time, he enjoys watching his grandchildren play sports and everything K-State.

Speaker

Dan Glickman, the former secretary of agriculture and Kansas congressman, is the recipient of an honorary doctorate from Kansas State University.

Glickman represented the state's 4th Congressional District from 1977-1995. During that time, he was a member of the House Agriculture Committee, including six years as chair of the subcommittee with jurisdiction over federal farm policy issues. He also was an active member of the House Judiciary Committee, chair of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and was a leading congressional expert on general aviation policy.

In 1995 Glickman was appointed secretary of agriculture by President Bill Clinton and served in the post until 2001. As secretary, he administered farm and conservation programs; modernized food safety regulations; and forged international trade agreements to expand U.S. markets.

Glickman earned a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Michigan and a law degree from the George Washington University Law School. He served as a trial attorney for the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission from 1969-1970, and then as a partner in the Wichita law firm Sargent, Klenda and Glickman from 1970-1977. He also was president of the Wichita School Board in 1976.

Since leaving his cabinet post, Glickman has remained active in several organizations involved with agriculture, public health and more. He is a senior fellow at the Council on American Politics, a part of the Graduate School of Political Management at George Washington University. He also is a senior fellow at the Bipartisan Policy Center, focusing on public health, national security and economic policy issues. He is executive director of the Aspen Institute Congressional Program and senior fellow at the Center on Communication Leadership and Policy at the University of Southern California's Annenberg School of Communication and Journalism. In addition, he is member of the Council on Foreign Relations and Chicago Mercantile Exchange; chair of the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition at the Center for U.S. Global Engagement; and a member of the board of trustees of the National 4-H Council.

Awards

University Distinguished Professors

Mary Beth Kirkham is an international authority on the plant-water relations of winter wheat and the uptake of heavy metals by crops grown on polluted soil. She was the first researcher to document the effects of elevated levels of carbon dioxide on crops grown under semiarid conditions. She also researches the effects of gravity on plants.

Kirkham came to Kansas State University in 1980. Her research has been supported by organizations such as the National Science Foundation, the Department of Energy, the Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Office of Water Research and Technology.

She has contributed to more than 300 articles in scientific publications, has written three textbooks and has edited four books. She has served on the editorial board for 21 journals, including Soil Science and the Journal of Crop Improvement.

Kirkham is a fellow of the American Society of Agronomy, the Soil Science Society of America, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Crop Science Society of America and the Royal Meteorological Society.

She was recognized with the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Wisconsin-Madison’s College of Agricultural and Life Sciences in 2017. She also has received the Carl Sprengel Agronomic Research Award from the American Society of Agronomy and the 2010 Crop Science Research Award. In 2013, she received the Irvin E. Youngberg Award in Applied Science, one of the Higuchi-University of Kansas Endowment Research Achievement Awards. At Kansas State University, she received the 2010 Dr. Ron and Rae Iman Outstanding Faculty Award for Research.
Jim Sherow is a noted historian with research and teaching interests in environmental history, Kansas history, North American Indian history and the history of the American West.


Sherow’s 1991 summer teacher institute in environmental history for public school teachers was the first such program handwritten by the National Endowment for the Humanities, which awarded him funding for a second summer teacher institute conducted in summer 1995.

Along with the many awards he has received for his teaching and scholarly research, Sherow is actively involved in public history and historic preservation. He has served for 10 years as the governor-appointed Kansas historian on the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review. He also was elected to the Manhattan City Commission in 2007 for a two-year term, re-elected in 2009 for a four-year term and served as mayor from 2011-2012.

Sherow received his doctorate from the University of Colorado in 1987, and that fall his dissertation, "Discord in the Valley of Content," won the Westerners International/Phi Alpha Theta Award for the best dissertation in Western history. He joined Kansas State University in fall 1992. He became an associate professor in 1993 and a full professor in 2007.

Commerce Bank and W.T. Kemper Foundation Distinguished Graduate Faculty Award

Kimberly Kirkpatrick is a professor of psychological sciences and director of the psychological sciences department’s Cognitive and Neurobiological Approaches to Plasticity center, which is known as CNAP.

The center is funded by a $10.6 million grant from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences. The center is currently funding four primary projects, three pilot projects and three research cores. Activities related to the project are taking place at Wichita State University and the University of Kansas Medical Center. CNAP supports six K-State students on graduate research assistantships and provides access to laboratory facilities that are used by more than 50 graduate and undergraduate students.

Kirkpatrick’s main research interest is the role of timing and reward processes in determining maladaptive impulsive and risky choices in rats. Her National Institutes of Health R01 grant, which was originally funded in 2010 and renewed in 2016, supports research on the development of targeted therapeutic interventions to treat impulsivity. Altogether, she has received more than $4 million in funding for her research programs, has published nearly 70 research papers and book chapters, and has co-authored more than 100 conference abstracts and delivered nearly 40 invited addresses and symposium contributions. She has served as a reviewer for more than 30 journals, is currently on the editorial boards of four prominent journals and served as associate editor for the journal Behavioural Processes.

Passionate about mentoring undergraduate and graduate students and postdoctoral fellows, Kirkpatrick has been the major professor for six doctoral students and one master’s recipient. She has mentored more than 100 undergraduate researchers and five postdoctoral fellows.

Kirkpatrick regularly publishes with her students — nearly 50 percent of her publications involve student co-authors — and she regularly supports students to attend and present at national and international conferences, with more than 80 percent of her conference presentations involving student co-authors. Her graduate students have garnered multiple awards, including an Ig Nobel prize, two University Distinguished Professor research awards, two Department of Psychological Sciences Research Awards and an American Psychological Association Division 25 dissertation award and Division 3 early career award.

Kirkpatrick received her doctorate in psychology from the University of Iowa in 1995 and served a postdoctoral fellowship from 1996-2000 at Brown University. After eight years as a faculty member at the University of York in the United Kingdom, she joined the K-State faculty in 2008 as an associate professor. She was promoted to full professor in 2012.

T.G. Nagaraja, a university distinguished professor of microbiology in the College of Veterinary Medicine’s diagnostic medicine and pathobiology department, is a highly regarded researcher on the gut microbiology of cattle.

Supported by extramural funding of more than $11 million — predominately from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture, the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, multiple foundations, and the Food and Drug Administration, the center has produced numerous papers and presentations and has been funded by $50 million of extramural funding, including an $11.3 million grant from the National Institute of Food and Agriculture. The center is dedicated to using basic and applied research to improve animal health and welfare and to address the economic challenges of the industry.

The center’s two primary projects are focused on developing diagnostic tools for infectious and metabolic diseases of cattle. The center’s first project is using the bacterial genome to develop diagnostic tests for bovine tuberculosis, while the second project is using the rumen microbial community to develop tests for bovine lameness.

The center’s third project is developing tools for the diagnosis of bovine tuberculosis and Johne’s disease in cattle. The center’s fourth project is developing tools for the diagnosis of bovine tuberculosis and Johne’s disease in cattle. The center’s fifth project is developing tools for the diagnosis of bovine tuberculosis and Johne’s disease in cattle. The center’s sixth project is developing tools for the diagnosis of bovine tuberculosis and Johne’s disease in cattle.

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of Agriculture and noted animal health companies — Nagaraja’s work has focused primarily on the role of rumen microbes in function and dysfunction of the rumen, particularly liver abscesses of cattle and on foodborne pathogens, with a focus on Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli and salmonella in cattle. His work has resulted in seven U.S. patents.

Nagaraja’s research is a blend of basic and applied studies and involves collaborative interactions with epidemiologists, molecular biologists, pathologists and ruminant nutritionists. He and his associates have made significant contributions in the following areas: use of ionophore antibiotics in cattle; causes, pathogenesis and vaccine development for liver abscesses in feedlot cattle; causes and preventions of ruminal disorders such as acidosis and bloat; ecology of Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli and salmonella in cattle; and antimicrobial resistance and antimicrobial alternatives. Nagaraja and his associates have published 19 book chapters, 14 review papers, five symposia proceedings and 214 peer-reviewed journal papers.

While research makes up 60 percent of Nagaraja’s appointment, he also teaches the Veterinary Bacteriology and Mycology course and lab for second-year veterinary medicine students, Ruminant Digestive Physiology to first-year veterinary medicine students and the graduate courses Rumen Metabolism and Rumen Microbiology. He also serves as director of the College of Veterinary Medicine’s doctoral program in pathobiology and the master’s program in veterinary biomedical science.

Nagaraja has mentored 19 doctoral, 19 Master of Science and three Master of Public Health students, as well as several postdoctoral students and visiting scientists.

His many awards and honors include the Dr. Ron and Rae Iman Outstanding Faculty Award from the K-State Alumni Association in 2012; being named one of Kansas’ top 150 scientists by Ad Astra Kansas in 2011; and the Irvin Youngberg Award for Applied Sciences, one of the Higuchi–KU Endowment Research Achievement Awards, in 2010. Nagaraja also received the 2001 Pfizer Animal Health Award for Research Excellence from the College of Veterinary Medicine. He is an honorary diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Microbiology.

Nagaraja received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in veterinary microbiology from the University of Agricultural Sciences in Bangalore, India. He earned a doctorate in microbiology from K-State, and joined the faculty in 1979. He was named a university distinguished professor, K-State’s highest ranking, in 2008.

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### Degree Candidates

**Adult Learning and Leadership**

#### Doctor of Philosophy

**Keondria E. McClish**

Co-Major Professors: Kakali Bhattacharya and Royce Ann Collins

Dissertation: My soul looks back in wonder, how I got over: Black women's narratives on spirituality, sexuality, and informal learning

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**Agricultural Economics**

#### Doctor of Philosophy

**Emrah Er**

Major Professor: Nathan Hendricks

Dissertation: Applications of machine learning to agricultural land values: Prediction and causal inference

**Michael Burnett Lindbloom**

Major Professor: Vincent Amanor-Boadu

Dissertation: An examination of the resilience of Kansas farms

**Nicholas Jon Pates**

Major Professor: Nathan Hendricks

Dissertation: Supply from many: Studies on heterogeneous U.S. land use decisions at the extensive and intensive margins

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**Agronomy**

#### Doctor of Philosophy

**Anuj Chiluwal**

Major Professor: Krishna Sreeramapura Verashekareddy

Dissertation: Physiological and genetic characterization of sorghum exposed to early season chilling, terminal heat, and drought stress

**Che-Jen Hsiao**

Co-Major Professors: Charles Rice and Gretchen Sassenrath

Dissertation: Microbial properties of soils: Effects of management and pedogenesis

**Iryna McDonald**

Major Professor: Doobong Min

Dissertation: Effects of alfalfa and alfalfa-grass mixtures on dry matter yield and forage nutritive value

**Prajaya Prajapati**

Major Professor: Eduardo Álvarez Santos

Dissertation: Using the eddy covariance technique to measure gas exchanges in a beef cattle feedlot

**Sebastian Varela**

Major Professor: Ignacio Ciampitti

Dissertation: Agricultural applications for remote sensing: Unmanned aerial systems and satellite imagery

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**Animal Science**

#### Doctor of Philosophy

**Karanbir Singh Aulakh**

Major Professor: Timothy Durrett

Dissertation: Transcriptomic and lipidomic profiling in developing seeds of two Brassicaceae species to identify key regulators associated with storage oil synthesis

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**Biochemistry**

#### Doctor of Philosophy

**Nicole Marie Green**

Major Professor: Erika Geisbrecht

Dissertation: Coordination of muscle maintenance and innate immunity through integrated tissue physiology in Drosophila

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**Chemistry**

#### Doctor of Philosophy

**Aritri Majumdar**

Major Professor: Phillip Klebba

Dissertation: TonB-dependent transport of ferric enterobactin through FepA in gram negative bacteria

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**Graduate School, Awards, Degree Candidates**
Biological and Agricultural Engineering

Doctor of Philosophy
Edwin L. Brokesh
Major Professor: Denghai Wang
Dissertation: Biomass harvesting cost analysis using field scale testing data

Chelsea Keiana Dixon
Major Professor: Lisa Wiliken
Dissertation: Biorefining microalgae and plant hosts with extraction, recovery, and purification of multiple biomolecules

Yang Liu
Major Professor: Zifei Liu
Dissertation: Comparative analysis of Unmix/PMF modeling for PM 2.5 source apportionment in rural and urban Kansas and a review of life cycle assessment on carbon footprint of beef production

Kelsey Rose McDonough
Major Professor: Stacy Hutchinson
Dissertation: A multiscale perspective of water resources and ecosystem services

Tobias Ebong Oker
Co-Major Professors: Isaya Kisekka and Aleksey Sheshukov
Dissertation: Opportunities for improving water productivity using mobile drip irrigation

Chemical Engineering

Doctor of Philosophy
Hayder Abdulkareem Mohsin Al Atabi
Major Professor: James Edgar
Dissertation: Crystal growth of ErN and ScN via physical vapor transport: Synthesis, properties, characterization, and process simulation

Zahraa Fadhil Alauda
Major Professor: Keith Hohn
Dissertation: Conversion of methyl ethyl ketone (MEK) to valuable chemicals over multi-functional supported catalysts

Yulia Burakova
Co-Major Professors: John Schlip and Jishu Shi
Dissertation: Design of emulsion-based adjuvants for animal vaccines

Jared Carson (SU18)
Major Professor: Mary Rezac
Dissertation: Atomic force microscopy study of the metal surface during a palladium-catalyzed hydrogenation membrane reaction

Michael Heidlage (SU18)
Major Professor: Peter Pfirrm
Dissertation: Sustaining ammonia synthesis via thermocatalytic reaction cycle

Yixiao Li (SU18)
Major Professor: Mary Rezac
Dissertation: Enabling membrane reactor technology using polymeric membranes for efficient energy and chemical production

Song Liu (SU18)
Major Professor: James Edgar
Dissertation: Experimental and theoretical studies of hexagonal boron nitride single crystal growth

Chemistry

Doctor of Philosophy
James Emery Brown (SU18)
Major Professor: Jun Li
Dissertation: Advances in electrical energy storage using core-shell structures and relaxor-ferroelectric materials

Janaka Chaminda Gamekanda Gamaethige (SU18)
Major Professor: Cristin Akkeroy
Dissertation: Hydrogen- and halogen-bond driven supramolecular architectures from small molecules to cavitands, and applications in energetic materials

Chamara Abeywickramasinghe Gunawardana (SU18)
Major Professor: Cristin Akkeroy
Dissertation: Crystal engineering with coordination, hydrogen- and halogen-bonds, and the construction of porous solids

Zi Li
Major Professor: Daniel Higgins
Dissertation: Single-molecule fluorescence microscopy studies of DNA-surface interactions on chemically graded organosilane surfaces

Bhupinder Kaur Sandhu (SU18)
Major Professor: Christer Aakeroy
Dissertation: Exploring and anticipating supramolecular synthons: From fundamental science to practical applications

Kathleen Ann Sellens (SU18)
Major Professor: Christopher Calbertson
Dissertation: Microscale analysis systems for the study of proteins and proteases

Raghavender Siramda (SU18)
Major Professor: Emily McLaurin
Dissertation: Tuning the size and surface of InP nanocrystals by microwave-assisted ionic liquid etching

Mohammad Sadegh Yazdanparast
Major Professor: Emily McLaurin
Dissertation: Complementary tuning semiconductor NCs properties using precursor reactivity, doping, and post-synthetic modification

Jing Yu (SU18)
Major Professor: Stefan Bossmann
Dissertation: Structure determination, mechanistic study, and safe delivery of an anti-cancer peptide

Civil Engineering

Doctor of Philosophy
AlaaEldeen Abouellil
Major Professor: Hayder Rasheed
Dissertation: Novel theory for shear stress computations in cracked reinforced concrete flexural beam

Husam Aldeen Alshareef
Major Professor: Hayder Rasheed
Dissertation: Initial analytical investigation of overhead sign trusses with respect to remaining fatigue life and predictive methods for inspection

Sarah Dacia Auvenshine (SU18)
Major Professor: David Steward
Dissertation: Aquifer recharge and evapotranspiration from the rivers in western Kansas

Naga Narendra Babu Bodapati (SU18)
Major Professor: Robert Peterman
Dissertation: A comprehensive study of prestressing steel and concrete variables affecting transfer length in pre-tensioned concrete crosties

Tri Van Tran
Major Professor: Stacy Kulezca
Dissertation: Instrumentation of erosion function apparatus and evaluation of a new erosion characterization methodology
Jan Vosahlik (SU18)
Co-Major Professors: Christopher Jones and Kyle Riding
Dissertation: Pumping of concrete mixtures: Rheology, lubrication layer properties and pumping pressure assessment

Mohammed Zaki
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Dissertation: Adolescent female body image: Self-report predictive cognitions and behaviors

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Dissertation: Professional learning communities at Dammam, Saudi Arabia

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Dissertation: Production efficiency and policy impact of heterogeneous farm households in developing countries

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Dissertation: Essays in expectation driven business cycle and wage polarization

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Dissertation: From collaboration to collaboration: An interview study of professional learning communities in elementary education

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Dissertation: A qualitative case study identifying leadership roles and behaviors that significantly impact the integration of technology in the secondary school

Electrical Engineering
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Dissertation: Stability and performance enhancement of grid-interactive voltage source inverters

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Dissertation: A framework for design assurance in developing embedded systems

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Dissertation: Modeling of active consumers and their impact on the Smart Grid: A cyber physical social and economic perspective

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Dissertation: Interference modeling and performance analysis of 5G MM-wave networks

Wenji Zhang
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Dissertation: Error analysis in mode-based Kalman filter for stochastic hybrid systems

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Entomology

Doctor of Philosophy
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Dissertation: Resistance of Rhyzopertha dominica (Coleoptera: Bostrichidae) to phosphine fumigation; geographic variation, high dose treatments and rapid assay assessment

Philip John Freda
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Dissertation: Phenotypic, genetic, and transcriptomic decoupling of thermal hardiness across metamorphosis in Drosophila melanogaster

Luay Kahtan Khalaf
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Dissertation: Biotype composition and virulence distribution of wheat curl mite in the North Central United States

Food Science

Doctor of Philosophy
Xiaoyu Su
Major Professor: Weiqun Wang
Dissertation: Identification and quantification of anthocyanins in sorghum and sweetpotato leaves

Jingwen Xu
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Dissertation: Health-promoting phytochemicals: (1) in response to environmental factors in lettuce, spinach and tomato; (2) development of 3D cell culture model for potential anticancer role

Genetics

Doctor of Philosophy
Anupama Joshi
Major Professor: Bikram Gill
Dissertation: Map-based cloning of the Hessian fly resistance gene H13 in Wheat

Brintha Parasumanna Girinathan
Major Professor: Revathi Govind
Dissertation: Integrating sporulation, toxin production, and motility by redefining the role of TcdR and characterizing the sin regulon in Clostridium difficile

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Dissertation: Phenomics enabled genetic dissection of complex traits in wheat breeding

Geography

Doctor of Philosophy
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Dissertation: Climatology of warm season heat waves in Saudi Arabia: A time-sensitive approach

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Dissertation: Remote sensing of vegetation characteristics and spatial analysis of pyric herbivory in a tallgrass prairie

Heidi Elizabeth Mehl
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Dissertation: Understanding stream incision, riparian function, and Indigenous knowledge to evaluate land management on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

Grain Science

Doctor of Philosophy
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Dissertation: Interventional strategies to reduce biological hazards in animal feed

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Major Professor: Subramanyam Bhadriraju
Dissertation: Effects of chlorine dioxide and ozone gases against immature stages of stored-grain insects

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Dissertation: Efficacy of filter cake and Triplex against stored-product insects on concrete surfaces and grain: Safer alternatives to protect stored grain of Ethiopian smallholder farmers’

Human Ecology

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Dissertation: Personality and environmental behavior: Perspectives of employees working in green and nongreen restaurants

Basem Azmy Saad Boutros
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Dissertation: Self-reported food safety behaviors in independent ethnic restaurants: An application of the Social Cognitive Theory

Jacob Troy Caldwell
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Dissertation: Functional sympatholysis and blood flow: Regulatory changes with duty cycle, sodium intake, and dietary nitrate supplementation
Jesse Charles Craig (SU18)
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Dissertation: Exploring the mechanisms of sexual dimorphism in oxygen delivery-to-utilization matching in skeletal muscle

Ainslie Kathryn Kehler (SU18)
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Dissertation: Reproductive health among tactical athletes: An examination of physical activity and occupational concerns

Sarah Ann Kuborn (SU18)
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Dissertation: Sexuality education: Implications for policy, parents, and family life educators

Xiaoye Li (SU18)
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Dissertation: “Seeing through consumers’ eyes”: Exploring online restaurant selection behaviors using eye-tracking technology

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Dissertation: Explaining unobserved heterogeneity of food safety behavioral intention: A sequential mixed method approach

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Dissertation: The social contexts of youth settings for influencing physical activity

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Dissertation: SOC solutions of male survivors of childhood sexual abuse: An exploratory collective case study

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Dissertation: Effect of extracellular vesicles on cancer cell lines in vitro and biodistribution in ectopic osteosarcoma mouse model

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Dissertation: Evidence for understanding the implications of improving the dietary quality of school lunches

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Dissertation: Lignocellulosic biomass-to-biofuel supply chain optimization with mobile densification and farmers’ choices

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Dissertation: Leibniz-type rules associated to bilinear pseudodifferential operators

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Dissertation: Spanning tree modulus: Deflation and hierarchical graph structure

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Dissertation: New metrics on networks arising from modulus and applications of Fulkerson duality

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Dissertation: Data mining and intervention in Calculus I

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Dissertation: A generalization of the Goresky-Klapper conjecture

Mechanical Engineering

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Dissertation: Study of Aldehydes, Co and characterization of particles resulting from oil contamination of aircraft bleed air

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Dissertation: 6Li-based suspended foil microstrip neutron detectors

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Dissertation: Air ingress in HTGRs: The process, effects and experimental methods relating to its investigation and consequences

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Dissertation: The development of novel diagnostic countermeasures for Rift Valley Fever virus

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Dissertation: The roles of papain-like protease-related proteins in viral replication and host immunity

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Dissertation: Beef cattle production in the United States: A complex matrix of interconnected nutritional, health, and welfare management practices

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Dissertation: Enterobacterial type three secretion system effectors and their interference with host innate immunity

Personal Financial Planning

Doctor of Philosophy
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Dissertation: Are financial knowledge, financial risk tolerance, and the uncertainty regarding future long-term care need correlated with long-term care insurance ownership by baby boomers?

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Dissertation: The influence of financial socialization on young adults

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Dissertation: The influences of financial self-efficacy and financial socialization on college students’ financial stress and coping
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Dissertation: The influence of present and future time perspective on financial net worth

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Dissertation: Self-regulation of wealth

Physics  
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Dissertation: Imaging laser-induced fragmentation of molecular beams, from positive to negative molecules

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Dissertation: Tests of neutrino interaction models with the MicroBooNE detector

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Dissertation: The unconventional strategic option: Democracies supporting non-state armed groups

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Dissertation: What youth can’t do: The juvenile court and the social construction of youth offending

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Dissertation: Dirt roads to justice and heartland girls: Coercive sexual environments in nonmetropolitan communities

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Dissertation: Predicting drug residue depletion to establish a withdrawal period with data below limit of quantitation (LOQ)

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Dissertation: The interaction between visual resolution and task-relevance in guiding visual selective attention

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Grain Science

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Modern Languages

Master of Arts
Ghaida Alaskar
Major Professor: Mary Copple

Hannah M. Rogers (SU18)
Major Professor: Sara Luby

Music

Master of Music
Tiffany Bonnewell
Major Professor: Julie Yu Oppenheim

Madison LeAnna Deal (SU18)
Major Professor: Ruth Gurgel

Darren James Enns (SU18)
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Kayla C. Gonzalez (SU18)
Major Professor: Amy Underwood

Katherine Anne Hoefer (SU18)
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Grant James Mathews (SU18)
Major Professor: Frank Tracz

Florida Rodriguez (SU18)
Major Professor: Karen Large

Rachel Jane Tacha (SU18)
Major Professor: Frederick Burrack

Nutrition, Dietetics and Sensory Sciences

Master of Science
Alexander Fees (SU18)
Major Professor: Mark Haub

Adriana Maria Lezama Solano (SU18)
Major Professor: Edgar Chambers IV

Audra Megan Sasse (SU18)
Major Professor: Martin Talavera

Operations Research

Master of Science
Andrew Eickbush
Major Professor: Todd Easton

Brian Paul Huck (SU18)
Major Professor: Todd Easton

Ashton Kappelman
Major Professor: Todd Easton

Aaron Chandler Ross
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Douglas Avril Sharp
Major Professor: Todd Easton

Daniel Streeter
Major Professor: Todd Easton

Shaun Michael Wila (SU18)
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Katherine Anne Hoefer
Major Professor: Ruth Gurgel

Personal Financial Planning

Master of Science
John Baldi
Major Professor: Maurice MacDonald

Shawn A. Best (SU18)
Major Professor: Maurice MacDonald

Monica Blondin (SU18)
Major Professor: Maurice MacDonald

Andrew D. Creekmur (SU18)
Major Professor: Maurice MacDonald

Stacy Lynn Culotta (SU18)
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Christen Nichole Harrison (SU18)
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Joseph Patrick Lennon
Major Professor: Maurice MacDonald

Stephen Patrick Magennis (SU18)
Major Professor: Maurice MacDonald

Brent Mitcham
Major Professor: Maurice MacDonald

April Rose (SU18)
Major Professor: Maurice MacDonald

Chase Sperber
Major Professor: Maurice MacDonald

Morgan Brianne Tashea
Major Professor: Patrick Knight

Andrew Thomas Trammell
Major Professor: Maurice MacDonald

Stephen Franklin Whiteley
Major Professor: Maurice MacDonald

Physics

Master of Science
Tia Laycee Camarillo (SU18)
Major Professor: Bharat Ratra

Prajul Gagrani (SU18)
Major Professor: Lado Samushia

Han Hu (SU18)
Major Professor: Michael O’Shea

Plant Pathology

Master of Science
Christian Andrew Webb (SU18)
Major Professor: Erick DeWolf

Psychology

Master of Science
Victoria Lee Arnold
Major Professor: Olive Fullagar

Stacy Bauserman
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Janelle Kay Becker
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Johnna Cortopassi-Rich
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Sara Marie Herr
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Graduate School, Degree Candidates
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*Major Professor: Patrick Knight*

**Public Administration**

**Master of Public Administration**  
Wahida Akhtar  
*Major Professor: Brianne Heidbreder*

Mohri Carolyn Exline  
*Major Professor: Ethan Bernick*

Daena M. Robinson  
*Major Professor: Ethan Bernick*

**Public Health**

**Master of Public Health**  
Kyle James Braun  
*Major Professor: Mary McElroy*

Kanyarat Chamraswimonrat  
*Major Professor: Justin Kastner*

Katelyn Erin Gilmore (SU18)  
*Major Professor: Katie Heinrich*

Mayrena Isamar Hernandez (SU18)  
*Major Professor: Mark Haub*

Sohaila June Jafarian (SU18)  
*Major Professor: Ellyn Mulcahy*

Anna Marie Sommer  
*Major Professor: Abbey Nutsch*

Alexis Zavala  
*Major Professor: Emily Mailey*

**Regional & Community Planning**

**Master of Regional and Community Planning**  
Alicia Hunter (SU18)  
*Major Professor: Gregory Newmark*

**Security Studies**

**Master of Arts**  
Arcadio Luis Guerra Munoz  
*Major Professor: Andrew Long*

Brutus Ijigbami Segun  
*Major Professor: David Graff*

**Sociology**

**Master of Arts**  
Laura Danielle Murphy  
*Major Professor: Kevin Steinmetz*

**Software Engineering**

**Master of Software Engineering**  
James Michael Lastrapes (SU18)  
*Major Professor: Daniel Andresen*

Yasser Ahmad Zalah (SU18)  
*Major Professor: John Hatchell*

**Special Education**

**Master of Science**  
Theodore Raymond Aldridge (SU18)  
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Kelsey Ann Leadbetter (SU18)  
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Blake Madsen  
*Major Professor: E. Ann Knackendoffel*

Erin Morse (SU18)  
*Major Professor: E. Ann Knackendoffel*

Megan Perkuhn  
*Major Professor: Marilyn Kaff*

**Statistics**

**Master of Science**  
Jinguang Lin (SU18)  
*Major Professor: Michael Higgins*

Nelson Burke Walker (SU18)  
*Major Professor: Trevor Hefley*

Zhihan Zhang  
*Major Professor: Michael Higgins*

Jiali Zhu  
*Major Professor: Wei-Wen Hsu*

Zhihe Zhuang (SU18)  
*Major Professor: Perla Reyes Cuellar*

**Theatre**

**Master of Arts**  
Emily Bartlett (SU18)  
*Major Professor: Sally Bailey*

Lynsey Becher (SU18)  
*Major Professor: Sally Bailey*

Garrett Felipe Fuentes  
*Major Professor: Sally Bailey*

Rachael C. Hammer (SU18)  
*Major Professor: Sally Bailey*

Molli K. Maberry (SU18)  
*Major Professor: Sally Bailey*
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James Westling, Rocking M Media, Salina

Processional:* 
Christian Coker, President, Student Governing Association

National Anthem:* 
Eric Cole, Guest Musician

Welcome: 
Alysia Starkey, Interim CEO and Dean

Student Address: 
Christian Coker, President, Student Governing Association

Introduction of Commencement Speaker: 
Alysia Starkey, Interim CEO and Dean

Commencement Address: 
Beverly Gatton, 2015 Kansas State Polytechnic Alumni Fellow

Presentation of Degree Candidates: 
Terri Gaeddert, Director of Academic Operations and Associate Professor

Presentation of Diplomas: 
Alysia Starkey, Interim CEO and Dean

Assisted by: 
Andrew Smith, Professor, Aviation

Reader: 
Kurt Barnhart, Associate Dean of Research and Professor, Aviation

Alumni Association Greetings: 
Amy Button Renz, President and CEO, K-State Alumni Association

Conferral of Degrees: 
Alysia Starkey, Interim CEO and Dean

Recessional: 
Eric Cole, Guest Musician

Student Marshal: 
Christian Coker, President, Student Governing Association

*The audience will please rise.
Speaker

Beverly Gatton earned her associate degree in computer technology when Kansas State University Polytechnic Campus was known as Kansas Technical Institute. Her connection with the campus did not stop there. For six years, Gatton taught night classes at K-State Salina as part of the applied business software certificate program. Since 2003, she has served on the Kansas State Polytechnic Computer Systems Technology Advisory Board.

Gatton retired with more than 30 years of experience in the information technology field. She has received recognition for her work as a project manager overseeing banking software implementation projects across the country. In her career, she also served on various information technology projects for other companies that are global providers of technology. She was the Kansas State Polytechnic Alumni Fellow in 2015.

Gatton earned a Bachelor of Science in business administration from the University of Texas at Dallas and a Master of Management in information systems from Friends University in Wichita. She is married to Lee Gatton, a 1971 graduate of the electronic engineering technology program and the 2012 Alumni Fellow.

Degree Candidates

School of Integrated Studies

Aeronautical Technology/Aviation Maintenance Management

Bachelor of Science

Joon Seok Lee, Incheon, Korea
Joshua Cole Orbin, Shawnee

Aeronautical Technology/Professional Pilot

Bachelor of Science

Hideki Oda, Higashiosaka, Japan
Ryunosuke Takama, Hayama, Japan

Aeronautical Technology/Unmanned Aircraft Systems

Bachelor of Science

Austin Lee Burns, Salina
Andrew Neil Danner, Parkville, Missouri
Jordan D. McDonald, Olathe
Diana Kathryn Nichols, Carlisle Pennsylvania
Kenneth William Vadakin, Wichita
Michael Wayne Wilson, Iola

Engineering Technology/Computer Systems

Bachelor of Science

Kyler Jordan Besher, Salina
Kristopher Tywan Miller Sr., West Point, Mississippi

Engineering Technology/Digital Media

Bachelor of Science

Jia Jin Tan, Klang, Malaysia

Engineering Technology/Unmanned Aircraft Systems

Bachelor of Science

Jacob Timothy Runyon, Laguna Hills, California

Technology Management

Bachelor of Science

Mehnaz Afrin, Overland Park
Cody Michael Bonczkowski, Topeka
Eric Brown, Wichita
Evan Wade Burke, Horton
Hunter Scott Hawkins, Arkansas City
Jeremy Michael Lee, Yukon, Oklahoma
Aaron Yarbrough, Cedar Hill, Texas

Applied Business

Associate of Science

Emilee Pankow, Salina
Aaron Yarbrough, Cedar Hill, Texas

Engineering Technology/Electronic and Computer

Associate of Technology

Colby Matthew Johnson, Salina

College of Human Ecology

Family Studies and Human Services

Bachelor of Science

Kelci Noel Krier, Salina

Certificate in Aviation Electronics Technology

Jordan D. McDonald, Olathe
College of Arts and Sciences

Processional:
David Pickering, Associate Professor, Music

National Anthem:*
Noah Lindquist, Bachelor’s Candidate, Applied Music

Welcome and Introductions:
Amit Chakrabarti, Dean

Recognition of Ronald N. Gaches Teaching Awards:
Yang-Ming Chang, Professor, Economics
Shawn Hutchinson, Professor, Geography
Donald Saucier, Professor, Psychological Sciences

Recognition of William L. Stamey Teaching Awards:
Katherine Karlin, Associate Professor, English
Debra Skidmore, Professor of Practice, Journalism and Mass Communications
Kathy Lillich, Advisor, History and Political Science
Nicholas Barts, Graduate Teaching Assistant, Biology

Commencement Address:
Donald Hedrick, Professor of English
Brandon Collins, Master’s Student, Music

Conferral of Degrees:
Richard B. Myers, President

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Kristan Corwin, Associate Dean
Kimathi Choma, Assistant Dean

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Marshals:
Michael Krysko, Associate Professor and Department Chair, History
Gregory Paul, Associate Professor and Interim Department Head, Communication Studies
Charles W. Martin, Professor and Department Head, Geography
Marcellus Caldas, Assistant Provost, International Programs, and Associate Professor, Geography

*The audience will please rise.
Donald Hedrick is a native Kansan and a professor of English who has taught at Kansas State University for 42 years and counting. Highly honored for his teaching, Hedrick received the College of Arts and Sciences’ Gaches Teaching Award in 2017, he has been awarded the English department’s teaching award and received the endowed Donnelly Scholar award. He also has experience teaching across the nation and world. Hedrick received a Senior Fulbright Teaching Award for Charles University in Prague, and has had visiting professorships and research and teaching appointments at Cornell University’s Society for the Humanities, Colgate University, the University of New Orleans, Amherst College and the University of California, Irvine.

When Hedrick teaches at universities on the coasts, he misses his Midwestern students, having taught more than 3,000 in his career, including many of whom who have gone on to prestigious graduate programs. He also has led study tours to London, Prague and Las Vegas; directed summer workshops called Camp Shakespeare for high school teachers; and was founding director of the university’s graduate program in cultural studies.

Hedrick has been responsible for bringing the theatre company Actors from the London Stage for many residencies and performances at K-State. He was project director for the selection of K-State in 2016 for the exhibition of the 400-year-old Shakespeare First Folio volume at the university’s Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art, organizing campus and communitywide programs, including musical and performance events for veterans, retirees and high school students, related to the exhibit.

Hedrick’s research is especially relevant today as it focuses on the history of entertainment value or fun, such as in the variety of entertainments in Shakespeare’s London that led to the dominance and economics of today’s entertainment industry.

He has published in the field’s top journals on Shakespeare, cultural theory, architecture and teaching. Hedrick’s scholarship on Shakespeare has received international recognition with talks given in Europe, Japan and at the World Shakespeare Congress multiple times. His research also has received numerous grants from the Folger Shakespeare Library, the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Kansas Humanities Council.

When it comes to the Bard, Hedrick loves when students discover the fun in Shakespeare as well as the profound wisdom of Abraham Lincoln, John F. Kennedy, Nelson Mandela and others. He even hopes to add a bit of that fun and wisdom in today’s commencement with his address, “Arts and Sciences x 1.”

Hedrick graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in English and German from the University of Kansas. He earned a Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy in Renaissance and dramatic literature from Cornell University.

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Yang-Ming Chang joined the Kansas State University economics department faculty in fall 1984. Over a span of 34 years in teaching economics to students at K-State, Chang has maintained a strong commitment to and passion for teaching. Chang was an inaugural recipient of the William L. Stamey Teaching Award, which was first presented in 1988-1989.

During the past three decades, Chang has either received the highest score or ranked among the top of the economics faculty for his teaching performance in annual evaluations. Chang is a two-time recipient of the Professors Performance Award — in 2012 and 2018 — from the K-State Office of the Provost.

Chang’s research interests include applied microeconomics, international trade and industrial organization. He has concentrated his recent research projects on the economics of peace, as well as issues related to strategic trade policies, regional trade agreements, resource conflict, market competition and the environment. He has more than 50 publications in peer-reviewed journals in economics.

Along with teaching undergraduate and graduate courses, Chang is actively involved in advising economics majors and directing master’s theses and doctoral dissertations. Based on statistics from Research Papers in Economics, a prominent ranking service in the economics profession, Chang is ranked in the top 5 percent of economists nationally in the publication records of his supervised students. This achievement reflects Chang’s contributions to teaching at K-State.

Hutchison’s areas of teaching include application and integration of geospatial technologies, geographic information systems, geovisualization, geocomputation and web-based geographic information services. He has extensive international research and teaching experience, including work in France, China, Paraguay and Senegal.

In addition to teaching and research, Hutchinson developed and administers Kansas State University’s undergraduate and graduate geographic information systems certificate programs and serves as director of the university’s secondary major in natural resources and environmental sciences. He is a university delegate to the University Consortium for Geographic Information Science, a past regional councilor for the American Association of Geographers and was awarded a special achievement in GIS Award in 2005 by the Environmental System Research Institute.

Hutchison’s work has been published in peer-reviewed journals more than 40 times, and he has been an investigator on extramurally funded research grants totaling more than $8 million. Hutchinson also served as an officer in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from 1990-1995 with the 1st Infantry Division.
Donald Saucier is a professor of psychological sciences and a university distinguished teaching scholar. He is a fellow of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues and the Society for Experimental Social Psychology.

Saucier is the director of undergraduate studies, chair of the undergraduate program committee and co-director for the teaching apprenticeship program in the psychological sciences department. His teaching philosophy focuses on maximizing the levels of both teacher and student engagement in the classroom. He has taught a broad range of classes at the undergraduate and graduate levels, from large sections of General Psychology to small classes in Advanced Psychological Research Methods.

His numerous awards and honors include the Coffman Chair for University Distinguished Teaching Scholars, Putting Students First Award for Outstanding Service to Students, the University Distinguished Faculty Award for Mentoring of Undergraduate Students in Research, the William L. Stamey Teaching Award from the College of Arts and Sciences, and the Commerce Bank and W.T. Kemper Foundation Outstanding Teaching Award.

William L. Stamey Teaching Awards

Katherine Karlin, associate professor of English, joined Kansas State University in 2009 and teaches courses in creative writing, literature and film.

A highly honored author as well, her numerous works include the short story collection, "Send Me Work," which was the recipient of the Balcones Fiction Prize, a Kansas Notable Book Award and the Huffington Post’s designation as one of the 20 Best Books From Independent Presses in 2011, among other accolades. Recently, the New York Public Library awarded fellowship support for Karlin to conduct research on Etta Moten at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture and the Museum of the Moving Image.

The founding director of K-State’s Young Writers’ Workshop, Karlin is involved with K-State’s 48-Hour Film Festival, the Gordon Parks Archive Project, Ebony Theatre, and the SYROP and McNair programs for undergraduate research and development.

Debra Skidmore is a professor of practice in the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications and serves as the strategic communications sequence head.

Skidmore brings 30 years of experience as a public affairs specialist at Fort Riley with the 1st Infantry Division to her K-State classes. While at Fort Riley, she handled communications to media about deployments, redeployments and soldier deaths due to the war on terrorism, as well as on special training exercises, support activities on post for military families, and entertainment and social events on post.

Because of her love of writing and teaching, she has long worked with military journalists and students. Skidmore shares her experience with K-State students, teaching them how to work with media, write news releases and handle a crisis. She started the Fort Riley Intern Program, and now is developing a certificate program in military communication as part of a partnership between Fort Riley and the Miller School.

Kathry Lillich is the undergraduate academic advisor for Kansas State University’s history and political science departments. She is the primary advisor for approximately 260 students in the majors and more than 70 students with minors in the fields. In addition to her advising duties, Lillich represents her departments at university recruiting events and meets with prospective students visiting campus.

Her other activities include serving as the research chair for the University Advisor Forum, chair of the political science department’s outreach committee and a member of the university’s Mark Chapman Scholars Program selection committee. In addition, she is currently a student in the K-State master’s program in academic advising.

A first-generation college graduate, Lillich is passionate about helping students who are also striving to become the first in their families to go to college. She mentors first-generation students on campus and conducts research on best practices for first-generation student success in academia. Lillich presented a session on the impact of academic advisors as first-generation mentors at the 2018 Kansas Academic Advising Network conference.

Along with advising, Lillich taught political science at Central Texas College and served as an instructor of political science at K-State.

Nicholas Barts is a doctoral candidate and graduate teaching assistant in the Division of Biology. Barts is studying mechanisms that allow some organisms to be more tolerant to stressful environments than others. Specifically, he investigates the physiology of fish that inhabit naturally toxic, hydrogen sulfide-rich springs in southern Mexico.

Barts earned a bachelor’s degree in biology at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign in 2015 before starting doctoral studies at Kansas State University. He considers teaching to be an equally important part of his graduate work and has taught both introductory and advanced biology courses with an emphasis on ecology, evolution and fish biology.

Outside of his teaching responsibilities, Barts is active in science communication efforts and is a member of the Kansas Science Communication Initiative, serves as a Sunset Zoo science communication fellow and develops lessons related to his research with local high school teachers. Barts’ goal is to become a faculty member in a biology department that emphasizes both research and teaching. He hopes to foster academic environments that promote diversity and inclusion so that all students can be empowered to challenge the status quo and actively engage with the world as scientists and as citizens.
Degree Candidates

Art

Bachelor of Arts
Kara Marie Bergman, Parkville, Missouri
Nayeli Yazmyne Guzman, Kansas City, Missouri
Savannah Rae Hill, Wichita
Allegri Catherine Kopulos, Kansas City, Missouri

Bachelor of Fine Arts
Sarah Jean Beatty, Manhattan
Bradan Christian Byers, Wichita
Anton Paul Deblauwe, Overland Park
Kenny Nam Quoc Dinh, Dodge City
Anna Rose Rassette, Leawood
Logan Elizabeth Robertson, Shawnee
Anthony David Stepp, Manhattan

Biochemistry

Bachelor of Arts
Xena Moore, Lenexa

Bachelor of Science
Ayomidesther Aduloju, Lagos, Nigeria
Molly Anne Bassette, Atchison
Gary Davis, Junction City
Brendan Anthony Drouhard, Conway Springs
Matthew Lucas McWhorter, Overland Park
Kayla Elaine Nutsch, Riley
Zachary Cale Reutter, Columbia, Missouri
Emily S. Wedeman, Olathe

Biology

Bachelor of Science
Amal Alkhashram, Kuwait City, Kuwait
Jordan Edward Anschutz, Buhler
Disha Deepak Badlani, Mumbai, India
Molly Anne Bassette, Atchison
Kyler Michael Bell, Salina
Kaylin Edwards, Derby
Kelsey Anne Haag, Topeka
Katelyn Rebekah Holthaus, Centralia
Brennae Rene' Kruse, Hays

Andrea Natascha Mutter, Redondo Beach, California
Kristy Thi Nguyen, Wichita
Matthew Raymond Sostarich, Shawnee
Margaret Victoria Starr, Hutchinson

Fisheries, Wildlife and Conservation Biology

Bachelor of Science
Alyssa Janae Brunner, Elbing
Luke Burns, Valley Falls
Foster Garrett Hartman, Overland Park
Richard Cale Hedges, Garnett
Anjelica-Maria Teresa Luna, Westwood
Clayton Jackson Moubry, Russell
Donald Cody Pierce, Topeka
Teri Lanette Potter, Council Grove
Dylan J. Smith, Independence
Jayden Jennifer Tatman, Wichita

Microbiology

Bachelor of Science
Katherine E. Bukowski, Kansas City
Gene Paul Coker, Tampa, Florida
Sarah Ruth Cox, Bad Windsheim, Germany
Chase Timothy Cunningham, Shawnee
Michelina Marie Haynos, Paxico
Carter Lundberg, Olathe
Jessica Michelle Sharpe, Lawrence
Katherine Lynn Smith, Manhattan
Jazmine Augusta Snow, Olathe
Emily S. Wedeman, Olathe
Jackson Dean Wilborn, Wichita

Chemistry

Bachelor of Science
Olivia Liseten Haney, Lenexa
Hannah Lou Henderson, Burlington
Monika Julieta Perez, Olathe
Elizabeth Anne Peterson, Manhattan
Skyler Roth

Communication Studies

Bachelor of Arts
Austin Patrick McKenna Sr., Andover
Alexandra Lee Parr, Florissant, Missouri
Molly Michele Pyle, Sierra Vista, Arizona

Bachelor of Science
Richard Andrea Greer III, Olathe
Cameron John Hoppock, Derby
Justin Lorenz Hughes, Elberton, Georgia
Regan Campbell O'Rourke, Overland Park
Kamerin Lydell Redmon-Evans, Wichita

Economics

Bachelor of Arts
Cheng Hu, Wuhan, China
Te Lin, Wenzhou, China
Matthew G. Nelson, Shawnee
Caleb Andrew Stark, Overland Park

Bachelor of Science
Matthew John Beauchamp, Pomona
Jacob Phalen Carroll, Rogers, Arkansas
Devaughn Justice Casey-Means, Manhattan
Michael Chase Derusseau, Leawood
Michael Alan Gauby, Olathe
Haley Marie Harrison, Lebo
Jintao Hu, Nanjing, China
Jacob William Lorenzen, Olathe
Mauricio Martinez Seifart, Asuncion, Paraguay
Dillon Myles Morford, Grand Junction, Colorado
Daniel Stephen O'Connor, Hays
William Gage Perry, Buhler
Jacob Christian Wilgers, Wichita
Adam Joseph Wilmes, Highland
Ding Yu, Wushan, China
Mateo Zavala Tomboly, Asuncion, Paraguay
Mitchell William Zubradt, Lenexa

English

Bachelor of Arts
Jonathan Robert Baxter, Olathe
Sophia Lynn Brooks, Wichita
Sarah Kathryn Byarlay, Plano, Texas
Nathaniel William Cameron, Prairie Village
Cody Andrew Doud, Spring, Texas
Thomas Paul Lachowsky, Topeka
Kylee Renee Norris, Wichita
Andrew David Pringle, Yates Center
Mallory Marie Taylor, Olathe
Cheyenne R. White, Silver Lake
Randall Willnauer
Jackson Christl Wright, Leawood

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Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies

Bachelor of Science
Kasey Jo Garzillo, Lawrence

Geography

Bachelor of Arts
Devon Lee Garcia, Manhattan

Bachelor of Science
Connor Montgomery Copley, Manhattan
Justin Fowler Jones, Carrizo Springs, Texas (3)

Geology

Bachelor of Science
Austin Joseph Becker, Manhattan
Andrew Thomas Makings, Pittsburgh
Mikaela Alaine Rader, Wichita (56) (D)
Madison Nichole Smith, Overland Park

History

Bachelor of Arts
Rachel Elizabeth Hein, Andale (2)
Molly Elizabeth Pratt, Leawood (2)
Connor Eugene Spellman, Augusta

Bachelor of Science
Jacob Reece Allen, Fort Scott (4)
James Lindsey Gillum, Manhattan
Adam Lee Hergemann, Hoyt
Alexander Grant Woodson, Manhattan

Humanities

Bachelor of Arts
McQuelle Prentyst Keeling, Olathe

Journalism and Mass Communications

Bachelor of Arts
Elizabeth Frances Cox, Lenexa
Allie Catherine Deiter, Meriden (4)
Emily K. Gatschet, Olathe
Grant Edward Miller, Gardner
Madison Paige Obermeyer, Wichita (56)
Madeline Frances Powell, Mansfield, Texas
Nora Tess Pohlenz, Topeka
Caitlyn Nichole Sabbert, Olathe
Alisia A. Saucedo, Garden City

Bachelor of Science
Abigail Paige Ballou, St. Charles, Illinois
Brandon Christopher Fabac, Schertz, Texas
Megan Kathleen Fish, Olathe (50)
Grace Martha Frederick, Leawood
Elizabeth A. Heath, Dighton (3)
Megan Elizabeth Kocer, Wagner, South Dakota
Lydia Ann Lierz, Hays
Jonathan Reilly McHugh, Kansas City, Missouri
Abbie Lee Plummer, Manhattan
Mary Christine White, Topeka (36)
Julia Michelle Worley, Osborne

Life Sciences

Bachelor of Arts
Jordan LaGrace Cook, Chapman
Cameron James Niemtsch, Dallas, Texas

Bachelor of Science
Keeley Shaye Cowley, Horton
Margaret Leigh Donley, Wichita
Riley Mae Flake, Wichita (56)
Raegan Olivia Hildebrand, Kansas City, Missouri
Madison Leigh Howard, Basehor
Allison Faye McClendon, Overland Park
Natalie Alexis Ann Sanders, Hesston (34)
Tegan Mae Small, Franklin
Suzanne Evelyn Wood, Milton, Florida

Mathematics

Bachelor of Science
Tyler Kaleb Aden, Hutchinson (3)
Rachael Ivonne Cano, Perryton, Texas
Natasha Lynn Graham, Olathe`
Haley Marie Harrison, Lebo (36, 36)
Olivia Kathryn Lenertz, Overland Park (35, 35)
Daniel N. Marsh, Wichita
Kevin Tirkey, Rourkela, India
Katherine Constance Ventura, Warner Robins, Georgia`

Modern Languages

Bachelor of Arts
Leah Elizabeth Devers, Olathe (2)
Harrison Adams Lamb, Milford, Utah (2)
Alexandra Lee Parr, Florissant, Missouri (46)
Paige Elizabeth Porter, Kansas City
Christopher Matthew Reusz, Downers Grove, Illinois (3)
Glenna Jeanne Vano, Overland Park`
Jamey Alan White, Manhattan

Music, Theatre, and Dance

Applied Music
Bachelor of Music
Xing Huang, Chengdu, China
Noah Lawrence Lindquist, Topeka
James Omasz Renner, Inman (46)
Presley Ryan Rodencap, Nortoneville
Kelly Cole Urschel, Overland Park
Samuel James Wilson III, Fort Worth, Texas

Music Education
Bachelor of Music Education
Sarah LaRae Grose, Meriden
Mary Catherine Higgins, Wichita
Henry Thomas Law, Wichita
Victoria Elizabeth Loepp, Overland Park
Catherine Anne Mallory, Wichita
Eleanor Naomi Mankin, Manhattan (34, 35)
Christian Manuel Martinez, Salina
Meredith Scott Neuer, Topeka
Christopher James Opperman, Olathe
Jeremey Dean Reynolds, Manhattan
Marcel Williams, Olathe`

Theatre

Bachelor of Science
Tiffani Danielle Lawrence, Overland Park (34, 35)
Madison Grace Plouvier, Lenexa
Morgan Lynn Sterrett, Overland Park

Philosophy

Bachelor of Arts
Kelli Christine Holder, Highland

Bachelor of Science
Jeremy Scott Campbell, Topeka`
James Lindsey Gillum, Manhattan`
Ronnie Mae Wallen, Kiowa, Colorado`
Mallory Blythe Williams, Halstead (34)`

Physical Sciences

Bachelor of Science
Christopher Travis Dierenfeld, Manhattan (2)
Mitchell Louis Weber, Olathe`
Brock Cody Wolf, Overland Park

Physics

Bachelor of Science
Natasha Lynn Graham, Olathe`
Brett Randall Kippley, Olathe (34, 35)
Social Sciences

Bachelor of Arts
McKenzie Nichole Farney, Hutchinson

Bachelor of Science
Marissa Christine Biggs, Junction City
Marking Lasabre Daniels, Coffeyville
Connor Nikoov Davis, Ellisworth
Amanda Rachelle Doyle, Overland Park
Zachary Sean Elliott, Eudora
Crystal Frazier, Spring Hill
Dylan Reid Hanna, Elkhart
Chassidy Loren Kearney, Kansas City
Joshua Thomas Kettering, Overland Park
Eileen Clare Koczun, Spotlightvana, Virginia
Blake Whitfield LaGue, Overland Park
Alexis Lauren Law, St. John
Elizabeth Dianne Marsh, Herington
JaTasha Chantrell Matlock, Topeka
Allan James May, Wichita
Rachael Marie Mirth, Kansas City
Alicia Mary Juanita Muniz, Grand Junction, Michigan
Abrielle Lynn Richter, Hanover
Jagrup Singh Sandhu, Bloomington, Illinois
Victoria Renee Shaw, Kansas City, Missouri
Megan Elizabeth Starr, Overland Park
Jyvanni Marie Thibodeaux, Dallas, Texas
Justin Michael Turner, New York City, New York
Hao Wang, Manhattan
Hunter Jane Wishart, Wichita

Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work

Sociology
Bachelor of Science
Sarah Catherine Albert, Overland Park
Carly Patricia Bagnieski, Green Bay, Wisconsin
Trevor John Bell, De Soto
Connor Alexander Cress, Topeka
Amanda Lea Easton, Manhattan
Dan Marcus Harris Jr., Fort Worth, Texas
Nicole Lianne Holle, Coon Rapids, Minnesota
Jeremy Tyler Jensen, Kansas City
Charles Edward Johns III, Oskaloosa
Kathryn Therese Klonder, Manhattan
Gabrielle Therese Mayers, Albert
Benjamin Ray Mosley, Wichita
Jaylan Kyle Dela Cruz Padilla, Junction City
DaQuan Ryland Patton, Austin, Texas
Brooke Lauren Prothe, Paola
Trey P. Richardson, Prairie Village
Jill Virginia Seidl, Valley Center

Anthropology
Bachelor of Arts
Tiffany Renee Hattesohl, Washington

Bachelor of Science
Brittani Jean Ballard, Waxahachie, Texas
Carly Patricia Bagnieski, Green Bay, Wisconsin
Jenevieve Lynd Corona, Marion
Seth Isaiah Sagstetter, Manhattan

Social Work
Bachelor of Arts
Sarah Ludwick, Paola
Consuelo Martinez, Rella
Arnoldo Ruiz, Arkansas City

Bachelor of Science
Alexis Marie Altamirano, Dodge City
Jessica Leigh Anschutz, Wichita
Martin Joseph Cox, Norfolk, Nebraska
Taylor Dyan Dechant, Louisburg
Christina A. DiMattia, Junction City
Kristen Lyn Gile, Lawrence
Clayton L. Lucas, Picher
Ashley Monae Longoria, Garden City
Maranda Ashlyn Belle McMichael, Kansas City
Sarah Anne Mize, Wakefield
Virginia Leighann Myers, Mulvane
Francis King Rodrigo, Manhattan

Statistics
Bachelor of Science
Tyler Lance Braddock, Manhattan

Statistics and Data Science
Bachelor of Science
Jadyn Wen Atterberry, Olathe
Nuvia Aurora Guerrero, Garden City
**Processional:**
Lars Quincke, Junior, Applied Music

**Welcome:**
Debbie Mercer, Dean

**National Anthem:**
Samantha Williams, Junior, Applied Music

**Presentation of Kathryn A. Holen Excellence in Service Award:**
Debbie Mercer, Dean

**Presentation of Student Awards:**
F. Todd Goodson, Assistant Dean and Department Chair, Curriculum and Instruction

**Commencement Address:**
Signe Cook, Fifth-Grade Teacher, Park Elementary School in Great Bend, and 2019 Kansas Teacher of the Year Finalist

**Student Commencement Address:**
Abby Hershenow, Bachelor’s Candidate, Secondary Education

**Conferral of Degrees:**
Richard B. Myers, President

**Presentation of Degrees:**
Debbie Mercer, Dean
Richard B. Myers, President
Charles S. Taber, Provost and Executive Vice President
Roger Schieferecke, Assistant Dean
Bradley Burenheide, Associate Professor, Curriculum and Instruction

**Alma Mater:**
Samantha Williams, Junior, Applied Music

**Recessional:**
Lars Quincke, Junior, Applied Music

**Marshals:**
Ken Hughey, Professor and Department Chair, Special Education, Counseling and Student Affairs
Lotta Larson, Associate Professor, Curriculum and Instruction
Tonnie Martinez, Assistant Professor, Curriculum and Instruction
Kimberly Staples, Associate Professor, Curriculum and Instruction
Be Stoney, Associate Professor, Curriculum and Instruction
Jim Teagarden, Associate Professor, Special Education, Counseling and Student Affairs

*The audience will please rise.

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**Oath of Education**

I hereby pledge my dedication to the profession of teaching. I accept the obligations and the challenges of guiding students to knowledge, always showing them care and concern. I will encourage respect for all people, and will cultivate the disciplined, yet free minds necessary for a democratic way of life.

I promise to champion policies which promote quality in teaching and learning. I will provide everyone engaged in education the opportunity to achieve their own level of excellence. I will strive to become a knowledgeable, ethical, caring decision maker and emulate these qualities which I pledge to foster. I recognize that at times my endeavors may prove discouraging. Nonetheless, I remain faithful to the belief that my actions in the pursuit of these goals make me worthy of my profession, and make my profession worthy of a free people.
Signe Cook, a 24-year veteran of the teaching profession who teaches fifth-grade math and science in Great Bend, was honored this year as a finalist for the 2019 Kansas Teacher of the Year award.

Cook graduated from Kansas State University in 1994 with a bachelor’s degree in elementary education and an endorsement in social studies and general science. In 2002, she earned a master’s degree.

A quote by Carl W. Buechner defines Cook’s philosophy about students and relationships: “They may forget what you said, but they will not forget how you made them feel.” This held true whether Cook was teaching kindergarten or middle school English as a second language to students in Junction City.

Cook is inspired to enter the classroom each day sharing a joy and love for learning that’s nothing less than contagious — a love she hopes continues far beyond her students’ academic careers. She believes in building strong relationships with students so they know they have someone who cares about them and believes in them.

Cook and her husband, Mark, a principal at Ellinwood, have been married for 22 years and have three children. The couple have had K-State season football tickets for 24 years.

Socorro Herrera, a professor of curriculum and instruction and executive director of the Center for Intercultural and Multilingual Advocacy in Kansas State University’s College of Education, is the recipient of the Kathryn A. Holen Excellence in Service Award.

Herrera’s longstanding commitment to culturally and linguistically diverse students and families in Kansas and throughout much of the nation is but one reason that she was selected for this recognition.

The BESITOS program at K-State illustrates her advocacy for and service to the equitable education of underrepresented students from across the Midwest. What began as a personal effort to develop postsecondary opportunities for Hispanic students in southwest Kansas became one of the most successful recruitment and retention programs in the United States. BESITOS recruited, taught and differentially supported more than 150 first-generation students from a range of underrepresented groups.

These students have continued to serve the field as public school teachers, instructional coaches, college instructors, program directors and administrators for school districts that serve large numbers of culturally and linguistically diverse students.

In August 2012, BESITOS was recognized as an exemplary program for underrepresented students by Excelencia in Education, a national nonprofit formed to accentuate exemplary postsecondary teaching practices for Latino/a students.

Herrera has helped students and teachers through service and programs that more directly reach K-12 schools and communities, especially rural ones. She did this through face-to-face and distance education, as well as video/modules and asynchronous online education.

Internationally, Herrera has been an invited speaker and a leader for the En Yachay, or School of Knowledge, Initiative. She led efforts to develop curricula and provide a foundation for the Yachay English Language Institute in Ecuador. She led the College of Education in providing professional development or master’s degree programs to more than 1,200 Go Teacher/Ecuadorian scholars, and nearly 500 educators from Mexico have enhanced their pedagogy and language skills through the COMEXUS and Proyecta 100 Mil partnerships between the Center for Intercultural and Multilingual Advocacy and Mexico.

Currently, the center is serving 40 Saudi Arabian educators from K-12 schools who are here to enhance their abilities as agents of innovation and change for their own schools and districts.

Herrera has led or co-organized multiple education abroad experiences or international study seminars for future teachers in China, Guatemala, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Spain and Kenya. Over the last 15 years, more than 200 future teachers in the College of Education have had opportunities to teach in one of seven different countries. She has been an invited speaker for educators across a range of venues and locales. She also has been an academic collaborator for a range of refereed journals, including as an invited manuscript reviewer and advisory board member.

For her distinguished work, Herrera was recently inducted into the Teaching Hall of Honor by her alma mater, Eastern New Mexico University.
Degree Candidates

Elementary Education

**Bachelor of Science**
Payton Renee Arganbright, Waterville
Kirkland Nickles Babin, Chapman
William Kerby Bochte, Salina
Ashley May Buesing, Estell
Shawannah Casto-Elcock, Los Angeles, California
Madison Christine Clinton, Wichita
Chantry Dawn Daily, Wallace
Allyson Taylor Daniels, Gardner
Ashton Hope Ettleman, Atchison
Jordan Maria Fanning, Derby
Jensyn Rose Ford, Olathe
Olivia Marie Frey, Overland Park
Taylor R. Gabel, Ness City
Alizza Rose Hall, Iuka
Haley Ann Hamilton
Karissa Nicole Hammond, Wichita
Morgan Rae Hausman, Salina
Marah Sue Hise, Horton
Kristen Marie Howser, Silver Lake
Rebecca Lynn Hunt, Omaha, Nebraska
Amy True Jackson, Louisburg
Madison Christine Janzen, Potwin
Madison Shay Jewett, Stilwell
Natalie Marie Kilgore, Overland Park
Kade Austin Kinnamon, St. John
Allison McKenna Kinsley, Manhattan
Ashley Brooke Kitchen, Shawnee
Ashley Lauren Krier, Wichita
Kathleen Olivia Lansdon, Overland Park
Catelynne Castanea LePage, Solomon
Kelsey Lane Marshall, Arlington, Texas
Brooke Justine McGlachlin, Wichita
Abigail Lynn Morris, Kansas City
Maggie Jean Murphy, Topeka
Alexis Kristen Oddo, Olathe
Kourtney Paige Oehm, Kansas City, Missouri
Laura Jo Rankin, Ellisworth
Maggie Noonan Reid, Overland Park
Madison Rae Rogers, Colby
Janie Marie Rottinghaus, Seneca
Whitney Wilkey Samuelson, Overland Park
Jonathan Blake Scarneec, Austin, Texas
Polly Faye Schinstock, Manhattan
Peter Alexander Schlierman, Abilene
Natalie Elizabeth Schwartz, Manhattan
Amanda Nicole Sellers, Lansing
Hayley Kathleen Shepherd, Wichita
Johnna Charmayne Shoemaker, Magnolia, Texas
Melissa Smith, Onaga
Kaden Cole Vanderpool, Melvern
Brittany Ann Warnow, Wamego
Abigail Dawn Webb, Hutchinson (S)
Ashley Nicole Wegeng, Bloomington, Illinois
Abigail R. Williamson, Wichita (M)
Chelsea Lynn Winter, Wichita

Secondary Education

**Bachelor of Science**
Marshall Donald Adams, Manhattan
Ryan William Bird, Overland Park
Jordan Marie Boswell, Manhattan
Aram Sahag Boyajian, Gardner
William Edward Butts, Overland Park
Sarah Kathryn Byarlay, Plano, Texas
Samantha Ann Dameron, Wichita
Alex C. Delton, Hays
Elizabeth Ellen Eades, Salina
Bailee Paige Flaming, Shawnee
Janie Marie Rottinghaus, Seneca
Rey Jared Irwin III, Overland Park
Rachel Marie Jensen, Topeka
Jenette LeAnn Follmer, Earitham, Iowa
Colby Joseph Gortschak, Olathe
David Ryan Koch, Conway Springs
Brenna Rene' Kruse, Hays
Harrison Adams Lamb, Milford, Utah
Tiffani Danielle Lawrence, Overland Park
Olivia Kathryn Lenertz, Overland Park
Austin Saul Lovelace, Overland Park
Dalton Jade Maples, Wichita
Amy Elizabeth Matlick, Wichita
Hadley Gail Mikkelson, Lansing
Lindsey Nicole Miles, Andover
Ashley Ann Minge, Bremen
Reginald Deangelo Moore, Rocky Mount, North Carolina
Caleb John Parenti, Manhattan
Paige Breann Parker, Lenexa
Madison Grace Plouvier, Lenexa
Mikaela Alaine Rader, Wichita
James Omars Renner, Inman
Garrett Levi Runnion, El Dorado
Jennifer Leigh Schleicher, Roeland Park
Shelby Anne Shearon, Burrton
College of Business Administration

**Processional:**
Rachael Gros, *Master’s Student, Music*

**National Anthem:**
Deanna Richard, *Bachelor’s Candidate, Marketing*

**Welcome and Introductions:**
Kevin Gwinner, *Dean*

**Commencement Remarks:**
Randall C. Stuewe, *Chairman of the Board and CEO, Darling Ingredients Inc.*

**Presentation of Awards:**
Kevin Gwinner, *Dean*

- **KS StateBank Teaching Excellence Award**
  Jiho Yoon, *Assistant Professor, Management*

- **College of Business Administration Outstanding Contribution in Research Award**
  Terry Mason, *Assistant Professor, Accounting*
  Doug Walker, *Associate Professor, Marketing*

- **College of Business Administration Professional Staff Excellence Award**
  Michael Raine, *Director, Information Technology Projects and Services*

- **Outstanding Senior in Business**
  Sydney Haas, *Bachelor’s Candidate, Finance and Management*

**Alumni Association Greetings:**
Amy Button Renz, *President and CEO, K-State Alumni Association*

**Student Remarks:**
Abbey Kramer, *Bachelor’s Candidate, Marketing and Information Systems*

**Presentation of Degrees:**
Kevin Gwinner, *Dean*

- Stacy Kovac, *Associate Dean, Academic Administration*
- Chwen Sheu, *Associate Dean, Academic Programs*
- David Lehman, *Instructor, Marketing*

**Assisted by:**
Richard B. Myers, *President*
Charles S. Taber, *Provost and Executive Vice President*

**Alma Mater:**
Deanna Richard, *Bachelor’s Candidate, Marketing*

**Recessional:**
Rachael Gros, *Master’s Student, Music*

*The audience will please rise.*
**KS StateBank Teaching Excellence Award**

Jiho Yoon, assistant professor of management, is the recipient of the 2018 KS StateBank Outstanding Teaching Award.

Yoon incorporates analytics- and optimization-based decision-making into each of his courses, including Transportation Management, Introduction to Operations Management, and ERP Project Planning and Implementation. He regularly finds ways to involve his students in experiential learning opportunities and actively works to help students land internships and jobs.

Applying blockchain technology in the areas of logistics and supply chain risk management is the focus of Yoon’s current research. His work has been published in top journals and presented at premiere international and national conferences.

Yoon earned his master’s degree in industrial and operations engineering from the University of Michigan and his doctorate in supply chain management from the Eli Broad College of Business at Michigan State University.

**College of Business Administration Outstanding Contribution in Research Award**

Terry Mason and Doug Walker are recipients of the 2018 College of Business Administration Outstanding Contribution in Research Award. The honor recognizes faculty members who have excelled in research activities.

The Koch Industries director of the Master of Accountancy program and an assistant professor of accounting, Mason is active in public interest-oriented research in financial accounting and auditing. Specifically, in the financial accounting stream, Mason focuses on market efficiency and earnings management. In the auditing stream, he focuses on accounting information's effects on audit fees.


He earned his bachelor’s degree in accounting from Harding University and his master’s degree and doctorate in accounting from Florida State University. Before earning his doctorate, Mason ran a successful business and worked as an accounting manager for Walmart’s home office.

An associate professor of marketing, Walker’s primary research stream, conducted with colleague Edward Nowlin and supported by the college’s National Strategic Selling Institute, focuses on conditional processes in the area of sales and sales management. Walker also investigates marketing phenomena related to public policy and sports.

A Kansas State University faculty member since fall 2015, Walker earned bachelor’s degrees in marketing and finance from K-State. He earned his MBA and doctorate from the C.T. Bauer College of Business at the University of Houston.

**College of Business Administration Professional Staff Excellence Award**

Michael Raine, director of information technology for the College of Business Administration, is the recipient of the college’s Professional Staff Excellence Award. This award goes to a professional staff member who has demonstrated outstanding performance in their work area.

Raine, who received a Bachelor of Science in business administration with an emphasis in management information systems from Kansas State University in 2002, was a student worker in the IT department. His title changed to...
microcomputer support technician, then to information technology coordinator in 2013 to director of information technology projects and services in 2015. He was named director of information technology in 2018.

Raine has general responsibility for all technology in the College of Business Building and supervises two full-time staff members and 15 student staff members.

Active in university service, Raine has served on the K-State Faculty Senate and currently serves as co-chair to the Faculty Senate Committee on Technology. He represents the College of Business Administration on the K-State System Administrators Committee and the university IT leadership team.

Raine is a member of the Information Technology Professionals of Kansas, the Technology in Business Schools Roundtable and AACSB Association of Business School IT Directors. He was named the College of Business Administration’s Classified Employee of the Year in 1999.

### Degree Candidates

#### Accounting
- Britton Steven Becker, Andale’
- Seth Christian Boswell, PhillipSBurg
- Katherine Ann Bugner, Garden Plain (2)
- Jocelyn Camarillo, Halcomb
- Andrew J. Dombec, Manhattan
- Ashley Marie Eberhart, Louisburg
- Drake Taylor Evans, Topeka
- Karli Christine Freischer, Meriden (6)
- Travis Freeman, Sacramento, California
- Melissa Marie Hamilton, Newton (46)
- Madison Delin Hammert, Olathe
- Benjamin Arthur Heath, Topeka (6)
- Grant Michael Herpich, Manhattan’
- Turner Lee Herrs, Greenleaf’
- Gretchen Ann Holthaus, Leawood (46)
- Margaret Jean Huseman, Ankeny, Iowa
- Gannon Lance Irlg, Goodland
- Joshua L. Karlin, Shawnee
- Griffin Eli Kepple, Ness City (46)
- Emilee Kern, Lawrence
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- Chadrick Dean Lind, Wichita
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- Taylor Jene Oliver
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- Alyssa Nicole Schultejans, Silver Lake’
- Abby R. Studer, Claffin (6)
- Matthew Ryan Sullivan, Olathe
- Xinxin Yao, Manhattan
- Zackary David Zegunis, Lenexa

#### Entrepreneurship
- Suvana Alexsys Danyell Nikcoal Badgett, Meriden
- Sarah Kathryn Bennett, Olathe
- Ty Weigant Brull, Salina (26)
- Cordell Lane Goddard, Penokee

#### Finance
- Klint James Graham, Omaha, Nebraska
- Elaina Marie Grantham, De Soto
- Brett Christopher Hammett, Wamego’
- Dusty Male, De Soto (52)
- Dillon Joseph Reiser, Great Bend
- Madalyn Ann Tarke, Sutter, California
- Yun Tian, Tongren, China
- Aspen Nicole Weber, Edmond, Oklahoma
- Joshua Alexander Weisbender, Manhattan
- Kevin Luke Wendt, Leavenworth

#### Management
- Jared F. Mulkey, Overland Park
- Daniel Stephen O’Connor, Hays
- James Lawrence Thomas Scott, Omaha, Nebraska
- Alex Jordan Stitt, Manhattan
- Jennifer Josie Taylor, Granger, Iowa
- Ziyi Wang, Chengdu, China
- Lance Taylor White, Midland, Texas
- Jordahn Alexis Whitslow, Overland Park
- Qimeng Zhang, Tianjin, China

#### General Business
- Rebecca Ann Gillen, Fort Collins, Colorado
- Brandon Michael Gorman, Allentown, Pennsylvania
- Kimberly Mae Linn, Salina
- Caleb Robert Moser, Overland Park
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- Christopher James Veitch
- Lucas Christian Westhoff, Great Bend

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- Christopher James Veitch
- Lucas Christian Westhoff, Great Bend
Jack Robert Fisher, *Prairie Village*
Johnathan Patrick Godfrey, *Albip, Illinois*
Alex Keith Grey, *Kansas City*
Kennedy Paige Hamilton, *Silver Lake*
Hanz Michael Harker, *Bakersfield, California*
Nicholas James Havercamp, *St. George*
Brette Ellen Hooker, *Crystal Lake, Illinois*
Nathaniel Michael Jarvis, *Crystal City, Missouri*
Samantha Elaine Jones, *Tonganoxie*
Steven Ronald Kirkby, *Manhattan*
Spencer William Kraus, *Wichita*
Makina Cheyenne Lee, *Wichita*
Summer Rae Lightfoot, *Junction City*
Wangjun Lin, *Wenzhou, China*
Kayla Lenae McDougall, *Olpe*
Madison Margot McGinn
Blake Jonathan Meier, *Andover*
Eric D. O’Reilly, *McPherson*
Diana Ortiz Muniz, *Garden City*
Lacey Jane Ostmeyer, *Oakley*
Kelsi Michelle Parmenter, *Overland Park*
Robert Samuel Perry, *Overland Park*
Kazdyn Kade Pierce-Blanchard, *St. Joseph, Missouri*
Corey Joseph Roth, *Holcomb*
Tania Sarabia, *Liberal*
Caden Severs, *Inman*
Samuel Stephen Sheahan, *Valley Center*
Gerald Wesley Smith, *Parker, Colorado*
Brock Donovan Steinert, *Wichita*
Riley Bruce Stinson, *Stilwell*
Tarynn Nicole Stueder, *Great Bend*
Corben David Tannahill, *Merriam*
Mingze Tong, *Xizhou, China*
Madeline Elise Unruh, *Louisburg*
Hannah Rae Vanderree, *Ingalls*
Whitley Elise Vishnufski, *Salina*
Songxue Xiao, *Shiyun, China*
Shimin Xing, *Liaoning, China*
Yan Zhang, *Beijing, China*

**Management Information Systems**

Blake Andrew Bulloch, *Wichita*
Adam Charles George, *Salinas, California*
Maitri Prajapati, *Ahmedabad, India*
Evan Michael Schmidtberger, *Overland Park*
John Austin Smith, *Overland Park*

**Marketing**

Jade Emery Anderson, *Placentia, California*
Yu Bai, *Shenzhen, China*
Tyler Lee Benson, *Wellington*
Chance Matthew Berndt, *Herington*
Matthew Brian Bowman, *Wichita*
Sarah Adeline Bures, *Topeka*
Trenton Alexander Bush, *Overland Park*
Steven Andrei Cargin, *Lawrence*
Mitchell David Copeland, *Wichita*
Sophie Anne Crisp, *Lawrence*
Brianne Elizabeth Delaney, *Seneca*
Timothy Jacob Eccles, *Overland Park*
Paul Timothy Feidt, *Lenexa*
Chandler Kae Ford, *Adamstown, Maryland*
Catharine Mary Galligan, *Kennebunk, Maine*
Wade J.A. Gassmann, *Atchison*
Marquis Keegan Golliday, *Los Angeles, California*
Zachary Tyler Gustafson, *Wichita*
Allison Nicole Harris, *Atchison*
Taylor Nicole Hart, *Sherman, Texas*
Jessica Rose Heckert, *Bixbyton*
Tad Thomas Hiatt, *Belleville*
Ryan A. Horn, *Dighton*
Hannah Rose Howey, *Osage City*
Caleb Duwayne Jurgensen, *Wichita*
Addison Elizabeth Justus, *Salina*
Noah Christopher Kaifes, *Merriam*
Abby Elizabeth Kramer, *Seneca*
Zoe Renea Kvasnicka, *Overland Park*
Cody Allen LaGreca, *Hutchinson*
Hyun Jun Lee, *Bucheon, South Korea*
Jacob William Lorenzen, *Olathe*
Andrew Dean Marsh, *Haysville*
Austin Earl Mills, *Hugoton*
Ma Ming, *Tianjin, China*
Cavan Davis Mulchey, *Chantilly, Virginia*
Tanner Andrew Niemczyk, *Bellevue*
Allyson K. Nordom, *Liberal*
Rachel Lynn Ogren, *Mission*
Deanna Marie Richard, *Omaha, Nebraska*
Mary Grace Ruhlman, *Prairie Village*
Valley Malachi Scharp, *Wichita*
Kyle-Edward Arcelona Stupp, *Olathe*
Tucker Chase Sweely, *Newton*
Alex Michael Taussig, *Lyndon*
Olivia Rae Taylor, *Overland Park*
Kelsey Marie Thorp, *Leawood*
Mitchell James Tyler, *Overland Park*
Dalvin Dashawn Warmack, *Blue Springs, Missouri*
Killian Garrett Wood, *Junction City*
Xiulin Yang, *Beijing, China*
Kasey Nicole Zeller, *Windom*

**Certificate in International Business**

Melissa Marie Hamilton, *Newton*
Diana Ortiz Muniz, *Garden City*

**Certificate in Professional Strategic Selling**

Trevor Dean Allen, *Haddam*
Jade Emery Anderson, *Placentia, California*
Lyndon Alexander Breckenridge, *Wichita*
Timothy Jacob Eccles, *Overland Park*
McKenzie Nicole Farney, *Hutchinson*
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Deanna Marie Richard, *Omaha, Nebraska*
Amy Kate Robben, *Andale*
Riley Bruce Stinson, *Stilwell*
Landon Scott Warmund, *Grain Valley, Missouri*
Phillip Dorsey Wendling, *Lyndon*

**Certificate in Data Analytics**

Austin Chauncey, *Manhattan*
Evan Michael Schmidtberger, *Overland Park*
Processional:
Rachael Gros, Master’s Student, Music

National Anthem:
Codie Van Meter, Bachelor’s Candidate, Agronomy

Reflections:
Cameron Bradshaw, Bachelor’s Candidate, Agribusiness

Introductions:
Don Boggs, Associate Dean

Recognition of Honors Graduates:
Shannon Washburn, Assistant Dean

Commencement Address:
Jason Bergtold, Professor, Agricultural Economics

Student Commencement Speaker:
Christine Rock, Bachelor’s Candidate, Food Science and Industry

Conferral of Degrees:
Ernie Minton, Interim Dean

Presentation of Degree Candidates:
Allen Featherstone, Professor and Department Head, Agricultural Economics
Jason Ellis, Professor and Department Head, Communications and Agricultural Education
Joe Harner, Professor and Department Head, Biological and Agricultural Engineering
Michel Ransom, Professor and Interim Department Head, Agronomy
Steve Keeley, Professor and Interim Department Head, Horticulture and Natural Resources
Evan Titgemeyer, Professor and Interim Department Head, Animal Sciences and Industry
Karen Schmidt, Professor, Animal Sciences and Industry
Gordon Smith, Professor and Department Head, Grain Science and Industry

Presentation of Diplomas:
Ernie Minton, Interim Dean

Assisted by:
Sandy Klein, Assistant Dean
Shannon Washburn, Assistant Dean
Zelia Wiley, Assistant Dean

Recessional:
Rachael Gros, Master’s Student, Music
A professor of agricultural economics, Jason Bergtold enjoys helping students become engaged in learning, develop tools for critically analyzing problems and applying those tools to situations they encounter in agriculture and business. Bergtold teaches several courses, including Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness, Data Analysis and Optimization, Quantitative Methods for Agricultural Economics, and Discrete Choice Methods and Applications. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Bergtold advises graduate and undergraduate students in the agricultural economics department and serves on multiple college and departmental committees. He is the inaugural editor for a new journal, Applied Economics Teaching Resources, as well.


The many honors for teaching and research that Bergtold has received include K-State’s Presidential Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching; Outstanding Teaching Award for less than 10 years of experience from both the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association and Western Agricultural Economics Association; and the 2018 U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Agricultural Sciences Excellence in College and University Regional Teaching Award.

A K-State faculty member since 2007, Bergtold earned a bachelor’s degree in economics from Colorado State University and his master’s degree and doctorate in from Virginia Tech.
Park Management and Conservation
Bachelor of Science in Agriculture
Tobias Joseph Blue, Salina
Audrey Paige Burns, Salina
Ryan Carl Buss, Westmoreland
Elora Allain Kay Hardacre, Concordia
Eric Charles Harkins, Seneca
Elizabeth A. Heath, Dighton
Cody Ryan Hopkins, Marquette
Justin Fowler Jones, Carrizo Springs, Texas
Jeffrey Martinez, Manhattan
Brandon Mengl, Lenexa
Dixon Lane Olson, Marquette
Colter John Silhan, Oxford (Scl)

Wildlife and Outdoor Enterprise Management
Bachelor of Science in Wildlife and Outdoor Enterprise Management
Christopher David Barnhart Jr., Canastota, New York
Charles Edwin Courtney, McLeoud
Logan Elizabeth Erickson, Girard
Alex Eugene Hartman, Mulvane
Shane Mathew King, Salina
Asa Ray Lee, Fowler (Scl)
Elliot Neal Maytac, Raleigh, North Carolina
Emilee J-Ann McClug, Meriden
Benjamin Daniel Petrie, Leawood
Clayton Eugene Swanson, Arkansas City
Breck Andrew Winter, Augusta

Animal Sciences and Industry
Bachelor of Science in Agriculture
Clayton Wyatt Alley, Douglass
Bayley Jaye Anderson, South Haven
Brendon John Asch, Clyde
Jesse Colin Barnes, Olathe
Adrien M. Beatty, Olathe

Madison Brooke Beauchamp, Goddard
Austin Victor Black, Pratt
Adriane Nichole Blanchat, Danville
Madison Marie Blinzler, Wichita
Johnathan William Herman Bott, Palmer
Diamond Channae Brown, Dighton
Jenna Brunkowski, Topeka
MarQuel Ka’Cynthia Collins, Florissant, Missouri
Amber Marie Comp, St. Louis, Missouri
Rhett Calvin Delay, Platte City, Missouri
Louis Alberto Duarte Gonzalez, Cataguazu, Paraguay
James Gillespie Elder, Valley Center
Haley Jolynn Ellis, Colony
Brenna Diane Eulert-Manrose, Paradise
Miranda Jane Faulkner, Olathe
Lauren Kasey Fedrick, Lancaster
Cheyenne Brooke Ferguson, Abilene
Macy Raye Flowers, Chanute
Amy Fruits, Gardner
Marci R. Glenneheimer, Logan
Erryn Bychelle Goods, Plumas Lake, California
Eric William Grossnickle, Auburn
Ashley Renae Hartman, Denton, Montana
Cameron Bromnt Hayden, Cassopolis, Michigan (Cl) (H)
Jessica Nicole Hennessey, Topeka
Lauren Kaye Herd, Wichita
Alexis Taylor Ashley Holm, Carpentersville, Illinois
Scott Gordon Hooper Jr., Southern Pines, North Carolina
Milan Alexandra Hunter, Buffalo Creek, Colorado
Emmalie Paige Hurla, Topeka (H)
Bailey Jo Jeffries, Augusta
Kenyanna Jachell Jones, Overland Park
Linden Lee Kaliff, York, Nebraska (Scl)
Catherine Jeanine Kasper, Olathe
Jessica Keane, Pappilion, Nebraska (Mcl)
Garrett David Kietzman, Clinton, Wisconsin
Brooke Denise Marshall, Homestead
Amanda Hope McCormick, Frederonia
Makenzie McGinnis, Orange, California
Caylee Marie Merrow, Wichita (Scl)
Selby Rianne Merrow, Wichita (Mcl)
Laura Faye Mossman, Olathe
Cole Thomas Norberg, Lindsey
Jenna Rae Phelps, Heisington
Andrew Logan Phipps, Matfield Green
Cheyenne Nicole Pierce, Topeka
Lindsey Gwyn-Ann Profitt, Savannah, Missouri
Boyd Scott Roenne, Morris
Kelly Laine Shriver, New Cambria
Brett Melvin Slater, Paxico
Issa Garcia, Cimarron
Rebecca Chantel Storrer, Wichita
Dario Valles, Kansas City
Hailey Williams, Santa Rosa, California

Ty Blaine Wood, Cherrysvale
Aubri Auna Zogg, Coffeyville

Veterinary Medicine
Bachelor of Science in Agriculture
Kaitlin Elizabeth Goldsby, Fishers, Indiana

Food Science and Industry
Bachelor of Science in Food Science and Industry
Juan Carlos Arias, Hudson, North Carolina
Nicholas Todd Baker, Jacksonville, Florida
Connor Wade Bivins, Overland Park

Gabrielle Therese Draper, Parmar, Ohio
Conrad John Kabus, Topeka
Naery Kim, Escondido, California
Karen Ellen Magana-Moran, Santa Ana, El Salvador
Randall Clade Martin, Clafin
McKenna Marie Mills, Highlands Ranch, Colorado
Jesse Gregory Mortensen, Coon Rapids
Natalie Michelle New, Wescan
Rene Rafael Perla Quintanilla, Nuevo Casabalat, El Salvador
Britanny L. Raison, Harrodsburg, Kentucky
Christopher Matthew Reusza, Downsers Grove, Illinois (H)
Amy Kate Robben, Andale
Christine Alice Rock, Olathe
Robert William Ruder, Wichita
Sierra Lee Savage, Wellesville
Megan Michelle Steward, Garden City
Austin Charles John Weber, Olathe
Lora Welliver, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania
Yiqin Zhang, Shanghai, China (Scl)

Grain Science and Industry
Bachelor of Science in Grain Science and Industry
Ivy Michelle Wangui Gichohi, Nairobi, Kenya
Aaron Goerl, Great Bend (Cl) (D)
Andrew Michael Karstens, Olathe
Erin Kathleen Parker, Overland Park
Christopher Matthew Reusza, Downsers Grove, Illinois

Yicheng Wei, Tianjin, China

Feed Science and Management
Bachelor of Science in Feed Science and Management
Jonathon David Corn, Irmann
Ryan William Lierz, Holton
Milling Science and Management
Bachelor of Science in Milling Science and Management
Andrew Ray Alvarez, Leawood
Ben Andrew Broxterman, Manhattan (C)
Aaron Goerl, Great Bend (C)(D)
Sumner T. Harrelson, Leawood
Hailey Lauren Heizman, Overland Park
Parker Alan McGuire, Overland Park (C)
Carl James Whitmer, Overland Park
Processional:
Rachael Gros, Master’s Student, Music

Welcome:
Bronwyn Fees, Associate Dean, Academic Affairs

National Anthem:
Danielle Winchester, Bachelor’s Candidate, Hospitality Management

Student Address:
Darah Kay Portenier, Bachelor’s Candidate, Communication Sciences and Disorders

Recognition of Student Honors:
Shawn Jordan, Assistant Dean and Research Assistant Professor, Food, Nutrition, Dietetics and Health

Commencement Address:
Lynda March, Owner and Operator, Nutrition Services for Rural Communities

Alumni Association Greetings:
Amy Button Renz, President and CEO, K-State Alumni Association

Conferral of Bachelor’s Degrees:
John Buckwalter, Dean

Presentation of Degree Candidates:
Barbara Anderson, Professor and Department Head, Apparel, Textiles, and Interior Design
Sonya Lutter, Associate Professor and Interim Director, School of Family Studies and Human Services
Mark Haub, Associate Professor and Department Head, Food, Nutrition, Dietetics and Health
Michael Ottenbacher, Professor and Department Head, Hospitality Management
Bronwyn Fees, Associate Dean and Professor, Family Studies and Human Services
Craig Harms, Professor and Department Head, Kinesiology

Presentation of Diplomas:
John Buckwalter, Dean

Assisted by:
Richard B. Myers, President
Charles S. Taber, Provost and Executive Vice President

Charge to the Class:
John Buckwalter, Dean

Alma Mater:
Danielle Winchester, Bachelor’s Candidate, Hospitality Management

Recessional:
Rachael Gros, Master’s Student, Music

*The audience will please rise.
A registered and licensed dietitian, Lynda March owns and operates Nutrition Services for Rural Communities. She helps care for patients in nursing homes, small hospitals, senior feeding programs and correctional facilities. She is also a staff member of Fresenius Medical Care, a health care company for patients in nursing homes, small hospitals, and correctional facilities. Through her time as a member of 4-H, March developed a desire to work in rural areas.

March is active in the nutrition community, serving as editor of the Renal Nutrition Forum and volunteering as a grant writing facilitator for nonprofit organizations in her area. Outside of nutrition, she is a member of the Texas Scottie Rescue Foundation.

March received her doctoral degree from Kansas State University. She received her Bachelor of Science in Family Studies and Human Services from Texas Tech University and a Master of Science from Stephen F. Austin State University.

An active supporter of K-State, March and her three sons have created the March Family Opportunity Scholarship for nontraditional students. March also established the Lynda March Scholarship for dietetics students who plan to work in rural communities, as well as the Lynda March Faculty Award in the College of Human Ecology.

As the granddaughter of two county extension agents and the daughter of a plant geneticist, March spent much of her time in rural areas of Kansas, Nebraska and Texas. Through her time as a member of 4-H, March developed a desire to work in rural areas.

March Faculty Award in the College of Human Ecology.

**Speaker**

Lynda March

**Degree Candidates**

### Apparel, Textiles, and Interior Design

**Bachelor of Science in Apparel and Textiles**

Heather Lynn Albers, Warrensburg, Missouri
Emily Elizabeth Andrews, Manhattan (M)
Madison Dawn Brockman, Concordia
Megan Taylor Lindequist, Thousand Oaks, California
Madison Lee McClellan, Palco (M) (D)
Xiwen Wei, Fujian, China

### Family Studies and Human Services

**Bachelor of Science in Family Studies and Human Services**

(Communication Sciences and Disorders)
Christina Dawn Ashenfelter, Augusta (M) (S)
Emmaline Joann Bohlander, Topeka
Abigail Nicole Fangman, Ottawa (M)
Nicole Danielle Greenstein, Wichita (M)
Baylie Kay Harsh, El Dorado
Madison Renee Knox, Clifton (M)
Renée Therese LaFreniere, Overland Park
Alexandra Nicole Maynard, Overland Park
Addison Laine McGill (M) (S)
Jaylene Marie Miller, Parker, Colorado
Darah Kay Portenier, Kirwin (S)
Marlee Renee Rath, Oakley (C)
Brecken Annette Renfro, Overland Park (M) (S)

(Early Childhood Education)

Ashton Marie Royer, Plainville
Lauren Grace Studer, Wathena (M)
Haley Beth Thompson, Hays (S)
Elaine Marie Williams, Lenexa (M) (S)
Kathrine Lynn Yarrow, Wakefield (M)

(Family Studies and Human Services)
Paige Alexis Altwegg, Chapman
Lily Kathryn Anderson, Overland Park
Kyle Freeman Barfield, College Station, Texas
Sarah Marie Brown, Griffin, Georgia
Britney Aynn Dennis-Campbell, Cleveland, Ohio (M)
Jamie Leigh Dressler, Lansing
Caitlyn Margaret Dunigan, Frisco, Texas
Suzanne Sailer Fiss, Leawood (M)
Mario Garcia III, Shawnee
Toriana E. Hardie, Topeka
Dominique Lauryn Humphreys, Junction City
Aubrey Mishel Jung, Manhattan
Addison Raeann Kingsbury, Smith Center
Jaci Kolm, Pratt
Kelci Noël Krier, Salina (M)
Kristen Lauren Krueger, Clive, Iowa (M)

Ashley Marie Lantz, Junction City
Marissa Elizabeth Lord, Olathe
Nathan Thomas Mignano, Manhattan
Jaylene Marie Miller, Parker, Colorado
Megan Elizabeth Rose, Manhattan
Allison Marie Russell, Chanute
Justin Ja’Rel Silmon, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Terrell Howard Smith, Vicksburg, Mississippi
Jessica Erin Sorensen, Topeka
Allison Schafer Thompson, Tonganoxie
K’Lynn Kristine Tilley, Frankfort
Kiernan Briana Vining, Chatham, New Jersey (C)
Chelsi Ann Warden, Junction, Texas

### Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Family Science

Rylee Noelle Karhoff, Girard
Shannon Elyse Keith, Ellsworth (C)
Sara Christina Martin, Colby
Braden Glenn Mccune Streit, Manhattan

### Bachelor of Science in Personal Financial Planning

Jarah Elizabeth Cooper, Salina
Zachary Wayne Pohlenz, Topeka
Landon Scott Warrmund, Grain Valley, Missouri (C)
Food, Nutrition, Dietetics and Health

Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training
Benjamin Joel Dorsett, Osewatomie
Emily Elizabeth Kelley, Manhattan (Mcl)

Bachelor of Science in Dietetics
Abigail Renee Boxburger, Hoisington
Elizabeth Anne Buege, Marshfield, Wisconsin (C)
Kyrstie Ashley Ehm, Parwin
Sarah Elizabeth Hansen, Wichita (Mcl) (C)
Logan Dawn Harvey, Chula Vista, California
Abbie Ann Herkelman, Coffeyville
Madison V. Hinman, Belton, Texas
Jenilee Horn, Hinesville, Georgia (C)
Lauren Olivia Keller, Hays
Julia Ashlyn Lambert, Manhattan (Mcl) (D)
Hannah E. Masse, Richmond, Rhode Island
Jennifer H. Rabung, Mechanicsville, Virginia
Erik Jean Schmitt, Libby, Montana
Kady Lynn Schneider, Mulvane
Emily Larson Troll, Goddard
Molly Katherine Ward, Corvallis, Oregon
Julie G. Williams, Roswell, Texas
Kelsey Nicole Woodson, Lenexa

Bachelor of Science in Human Nutrition
(Nutrition and Health)
Heather Marie Castelan, Hays
Samantha Jean Collins, Garden City, Michigan
Zareen Habib Dadabhai, Harrison, Arkansas
Lindsey Elaine Dias, San Antonio, Texas
Clarion DiBartolo, Bristol, Tennessee
Malin Hope Ferre, Topeka (C)
Adam John Furneaux, Springfield Missouri
Sarah Elizabeth Hansen, Wichita (Mcl) (D)
Kelli Marie Mark, Topeka (C)
Shayna Mae North, San Diego, California
Emily Annmarie Waterworth, Topeka (D)

(Nutritional Sciences)
Gabrielle Riley Ciccarelli, Leavenworth (C)
Nicholas Jacob Desch, Topeka

Hospitality Management

Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management
Regina Nadine Basse, Overland Park
Emily Faith Don, Overland Park
Cheryllyn Xue-Ling F, Andover
Christina Ann Hoops, Byron, Nebraska
Catherine MaryEllen Lochner, Chanhassen, Minnesota
Hayley Danielle Merz, Winfield
Maureen Adhambo Oduol, Lenexa
Brenna Christine Shields, Lincolnville
Megan Lynn Webster, Wichita
Amber Nicole Wilhelm, Horton (C)
Danielle Joanne Winchester, Leavenworth
Bowen Yu, Guizhou, China

Bachelor of Science in Hotel and Restaurant Management
Yun Tian, Tongren, China (D)

Human Ecology

Bachelor of Science in Human Ecology
(General Human Ecology)
Jordan Chanel Jackson, Lafayette, Colorado

Kinesiology

Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology
Bailey Elizabeth Alexander, Louisburg (C)
Nicholas W. Beach, Gardner
Cassandra Maria Beattie, Basehor (Mcl) (D)
Brooke Nicole Bennett, Shawnee (C)
Chaddrick Beshirs, Fort Riley
Tori Ann Bontrager, Whiting (Mcl) (D)
Allison Kristine Bullinger, Colwich (D)
Jeremy Grayson Collier, Leavenworth
Mackenzie Kaitlin Getz, Spring Hill (C)
Alexandra Payton Herrmann, Kansas City (D)
Dalton Arnold Holt, Wellington
Erich Leslie Holtmeier, Washington (D)
Samuel David Johnson, Wichita
Ashlynn Paige Kleinbeck, Manhattan
Andrea Louise Kraisinger, Otis
Brady Kent Kurtz, Overland Park
Julia Ashlyn Lambert, Manhattan (Mcl) (D)
Heidi Marie Larson, Atchison
Garrett Michael Lovoy, Topeka
Katlyn Marie Miller, Wichita
Mary Christina Morrissey, Topeka
Benjamin Ray Mosley, Wichita (D)
Alyssa Marie Oborny, LaCrosse
Jesse Bryan Patterson, Overland Park (D)
Taylor Anne Rand, Topeka
Keaton Donn Reece, Overland Park
Christopher Alan Sandquist, Salina
Hannah Beth Strange, Colby (D)
Hali Alexandra Sutter, Overland Park
Taylor Nicole Sweet, Portage, Michigan
Ivan Colin Thian, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (D)
Austin Hayes Waters, Wamego
Zachary Allan Will, Pratt
Procesional:*
Student Brass Quintet

Welcome:
Craig Wanklyn, Assistant Dean

National Anthem:*
Tyler Aden, Bachelor's Candidate, Computer Science

Recognition of Honors Graduates:
Darren Dawson, Dean

Student Address:
Trevyn Sell, Bachelor's Candidate, Architectural Engineering

Commencement Address:
Alan Levin, Owner, Port of Tucson LLC, Cashing Business Center, Century Park Research Center, Tucson Frozen Storage and Levin & Sons Construction Co.

Alumni Association Greetings:
Amy Button Renz, President and CEO, K-State Alumni Association

Presentation of Degree Candidates:
Ray Buyle, Associate Professor and Department Head, Architectural Engineering and Construction Science and Management
Joseph Harner, Professor and Department Head, Biological and Agricultural Engineering
James Edgar, Professor and Department Head, Chemical Engineering
Mustaque Hossain, Professor and Department Head, Civil Engineering
Scott DeLoach, Professor and Department Head, Computer Science
Don Gruenbacher, Associate Professor and Department Head, Electrical and Computer Engineering
Bradley Kramer, Professor and Department Head, Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering
William Dunn, Professor and Department Head, Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering

Presentation of Diplomas:
Darren Dawson, Dean

Assisted by:
Gary Clark, Senior Associate Dean
Bette Grauer, Assistant Dean

Conferral of Degrees:
Darren Dawson, Dean

Recital of College of Engineering Pledge:
Bette Grauer, Assistant Dean

Alma Mater:*
Tyler Aden, Bachelor's Candidate, Computer Science

Recessional:
Student Brass Quintet

Grand Marshals:
Ronaldo Maghirang, Associate Dean
Andy Fund, Assistant Dean

*The audience will please rise.

Pledge

As a graduate of the College of Engineering, I pledge:

To give the utmost of performance;
To participate in none but honest enterprise;
To live and work according to the laws of humanity, and the highest standards of professional conduct;
To place service before profit, the honor and standing of the profession before personal advantage, and the public welfare above all other consideration.
In humility and with need for Divine Guidance, I make this pledge.

College of Engineering Pledge
Based on the Engineer's Creed, National Society of Professional Engineers
Alan Levin, a 1969 graduate of Kansas State University in mechanical engineering, is the owner of Cushing Business Center, Century Park Research Center, Tucson Frozen Storage and Levin & Sons Construction Co.

In 2001, Levin founded Port of Tucson LLC, an intermodal and logistics center assisting businesses with access to rail and intermodal container transportation options for industrial product customers throughout southern Arizona and northern Mexico. In 2014, Port of Tucson expanded to approximately 52,000 feet of railroad infrastructure.

Before starting his own general contracting business in 1981, Levin was a project manager for E.M. Systems, a mining equipment systems design and manufacturing company, as well as a project manager and engineer for the Anamax Mining Co. Uranium Recovery Plant.


Active in his community, Levin serves on the board of the Arizona Cancer Center and is active in and supports many local charities, including Child and Family Resources, Boys & Girls Clubs, Pima County 4-H, Christian Family Care, Tucson Girls Chorus, Arizona Cancer Center, YMCA and El Rio. He is a licensed pilot and enjoys prospecting and mining.

Degree Candidates

Architectural Engineering

Bachelor of Science
Waleed Khalid M Alharbi, Al Ain, United Arab Emirates
Joseph Michael Ptak, Shawnee
Heath Thomas Redman, Topeka
Viridiana Retana-Rodriguez, Topeka
Daniel Tyler Rosson, Coffeyville
Eric Thomas Rourke, Russell
Charles Colton Skidmore, Manhattan
Spencer Weber Walker, Manhattan
Logan Alan Wells, Wichita

Bachelor of Science and Management
Hunter Dale Wheeler, Olathe

Construction Science and Management

Bachelor of Science
Jon Brady Anderson, Lenexa
Marissa Christine Axelson, McPherson
Malik Robert Bieberle, Wichita
Taylor Brian Clites, El Dorado
Mathias Edwin Dahlman, Topeka
Toby Leo Dominguez, Garden City
Hassan Saeed Eskirjeh
Dalton Luke Harman, Salina
Benjamin Dean Hoefgen, Augusta
John Joseph Hopfinger, Overland Park
Caleb Ryan Howser, Silver Lake
Courtney Nicole Jenkins, Inman
Jared Patrick Kirkland, Valley Center
Scott Michael Linnebur, Wichita

Biological Systems Engineering

Bachelor of Science
Blake Vaughn Brown, McPherson
Cheyanne Elizabeth Day, Rossville
Amelia Hope Harris, Prescott Valley, Arizona
Tristan Xavier McCallister, Liberal (P)
Nicholas William Meyer, Marion (M)
Alexander Joseph Peter Nyrko, Roscoe, Illinois
Jacob Charles Peters, Holt, Missouri
Jason Patrick Scheer, Gretna, Nebraska
Kseniya Alekseyevna Sheshukova, Manhattan
Nicholas Alan Sosaya, Shawnee
Ezekiel Judson Swihart, Manhattan
Megan Teufel, Wichita
Kole Alan Urban, Loretta
Chunehong Wang
Drew Douglas Young, Burlington

Chemical Engineering

Bachelor of Science
Samuel Winston Applegate, Wichita
Allison Tully Crowther, Overland Park

Civil Engineering

Bachelor of Science
Fouad Salim Alanguri, Manhattan
Abdullah F A A S A Alansari, Kuwait City, Kuwait
Frank A. Baiamonte, Overland Park
Swedi Bitendelo, Richmond, Texas
Amy Elizabeth Clark, Olathe
John Morgan Davis, Mound
Jacob Matthew Frey, Kansas City, Missouri (P)
Drew Allen Hoops, Republic
Kristen Josyne Jones, Overland Park (P)
Mohammed Khawari, Kuwait City, Kuwait
Isaac Daniel Klugh, Chanute
Madison Raquel Lager, Leawood
Nathan Edward Lubeck, Overland Park
Tyler Patrick Murray, Villa Ridge, Missouri
Kirk Benjamin Pfannenstiel, Hays
Kirk James Provinc, Manhattan
Trent Alan Lawrence Salsbury, Olathe
Trevor Matthew Spichal, Spring Hill
Hunter Scott Thraikill, Castle Rock, Colorado
Robert John Vohs, Lenexa
Samuel Frank Weinhold, De Soto
Daniel Aaron Wiens, McPherson
Computer Engineering

Bachelor of Science
Hamza Ahmed, Islamabad, Pakistan
Shelby Danae Coen, Hutchinson
Matthew Hunter James Hauffer, Centralia
Amber Jo Schubert, Salina
Elijah Paul Simmons, Burlington
Mark Alan Spicer, Topeka

Electrical Engineering

Bachelor of Science
Abdullah Y A M Abdulkarim, Mangaf, Kuwait
Yousef Dawood M Aldawood, Safwa, Saudi Arabia
Abdullah Meshaal F Aloulami, Manhattan
Hannah Nicole Baldwin, Kansas City, Missouri
William Anthony Brownlee, Prairie Village
Joseph Dongoski, Delano, Minnesota
Feng Shi, Sihuijiang, China
Corey Allen Gaither, Valparaiso, Florida
Brian Lee Gerwick, Derby
Manuel Alberto Hernandez, Kansas City, Missouri
Henry C. Hickert, Hutchison
Gaige Lee Jacobs, Oakley
John Erik Laughlin, Overland Park
Matthew David Legler, Overland Park
Jun Ma, Manhattan
Jack Thurlow Maatsch, Overland Park
Izrael Mendoza, Ulsan
Jun Ying Tan, Jabor Babru, Malaysia
Trevor Wayne Unruh, Galva
Luke Patrick Zahner, Overland Park
Liya Zhu, Tianjin, China

Computer Science

Bachelor of Science
Tyler Kaleb Aden, Hutchinson
Cale Douglas Benne, Manhattan
Hallie Ann Canfield, Rose Hill
Maria Fernanda De La Torre Romo, Kansas City, Missouri
Leah Elizabeth Devers, Olathe
Kevin Matthew Dice, O'Fallon, Illinois
David Dean Freeman, Leavenworth
Mitchell John Gehrt, De Soto
Jeremie Scott Havice, Junction City
Ryan Huse, Humboldt
Aaron Keith Jensen, Salina
Eric Carl Johnson, Kansas City, Missouri
Shawn Kirby, Manhattan
Brent Anthony Krull, Olathe
Shreya Kumar, Manhattan
Patrick Thomas McDowell, Overland Park
Mark Gabriel McGuire, Lenexa
Casey Arie LaRoy Poole, Selah, Washington
Cody Lee Riniker, Wameno
Alex Phillip Ruth, Highlands Ranch, Colorado
Caleb Brook Schweer, Salina
Jennifer Ann Spero, Temple, Texas
Jeremy Grant White, Wichita
William Lee Yeager, Abilene

Information Systems

Bachelor of Science
Sarah Jane Allen, Eskridge
Kyle James Eisenbarger, Lenexa
Anson Jones, Dodge City
Abby Elizabeth Kramer, Senea
Marc Dwayne Scott, Clay Center
Alex Edward Todd, Andover

Industrial Engineering

Bachelor of Science
Benjamin Bernard Adams, Dallas, Texas
Daniel William Baker, Stilwell
Luis Antonio Coca Urdanivia, La Paz, Bolivia
Tyler M. Doyle, Shawnee
Catherine Ann Dunn, Stilwell
Kevin Fandaw, Surabaya, Indonesia
Samantha Erin Gerstner, Lawrence
Tyler Thomas Henes, Lenexa
Troy Joseph Hilderkof, Overland Park
Brendon Michael Hutley, Berryton
Anna Mae Kathleen Kleibömer, Lawrence
Candace Taylor Kuecker, Arkansas City
Malik Kijana Livingston, Emporia
Ryan Joseph Loiacono, Lenexa
Salvador Munoz, Topeka
Scott Thomas Perlenfein, Eagan, Minnesota
Anna Elizabeth Pyle, Shawnee
Landon Scott Root, Wichita
Garrett Bradley Sanders, Lexington, Missouri
Samanth Brees Sizelove, Argyle, Texas
MacKenzie Brianna Suderman, Moundridge
Ramie Lynn Taylor, Stillwater, Oklahoma
Denis Taylan Uzgil, Brussels, Belgium
Norma Eunice Varona Ortiz, Mexico City, Mexico
Laurin Ashley Wagner, Offerle

Mechanical Engineering

Bachelor of Science
Jack William Adkins, Buhler
Fahad Askar Al Hajri, Dammam, Saudi Arabia
Ali Mohammed A Alghobari, Manhattan
Mohammed Baqr Alshaghab, Al-Aba, Saudi Arabia
Tyler David Anderson, Overland Park
Jordan Andrew Barton, Gardner
Fahad Mohammd Bin Jibreen, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Kagan Jay Blackwell, Hoisington
Jarrod Austin Booth, Manhattan
Glenn Stanley Brandon, Kansas City
Ty Albert James Brickell, Valley Falls
Austin Bullinger, Canton
Alan G. Burt, Cimarron
Stewart Patrick Dennison, Benton
Trevor Wayne Duerksen, Newton
August Charles Dunlop, Parker
Luke Joseph Eilert, Beloit
Jacob Anthony English, Kansas City
Tyler Blake Farthing, Madison
Nathanial Gregory Fleming, Olathe
Kevin Jesus Garcia, Cimarron
Mark Harrison Garner, Fort Scott
Brandon Alex Haggerty, Paola
Joshua Tulloch Hodge, Lawrence
Cole Anthony Hoing, Lansing
Colton Ely Horne, Baldwin City
Keith Daniel Huddleston, Frankfort
Brandon Lawrence Hulet, Olathe
Nathan Patrick Kellogg, Omaha, Nebraska
Dong Hyun Kim, Busan South Korea
Jackson Wesley Lage, Leawood
Miranda Aven Lane, Emporia
Letian Li
Chase Karl Lynd, Hays
Patrick Joseph McAtarian, St. Marys
Daniel Patrick Mendenhall, Leawood
Alec Christoper Mitchell, Overland Park
David Jose Montaalvo, St. Marys
Trenton Michael Musick, Hutchinson
Max Ethan Nager
Brett Alexander Quaison, Kansas City, Missouri
Alan John Reinke, Wakefield
Preston Thomas Ryan, Hays
Christopher David Sharlow, Wichita
Trenton Alexander Shaver, Derby
Samuel Robert Slotten, Buffalo Grove, Illinois
Timothy Allen Spencer, Dodge City
Bruce Edwin Stanley, Leavenworth
Kory Don Stone, Topeka
Zachary Chance Woods Stower, Overland Park
Conor Matthew Swope, Topeka
Tanner Michael Swope, Topeka
Jacob Mackenzie Terrell, Olathe
Alexander Jeffrey Thompson, Emporia
Michael Eugene Tillhoff, Leawood
Joshua David Tryon, Topeka
Seth J. Tucker, Manhattan
Tianyu Wang, Kaifeng, China
Chandler Scot Williamson, Wichita
Jacob Robert Winter, Topeka
Casey Wise, Hays
John Francis Wright, Topeka
Bo Yu, Shanghai, China
Mark James Zarybnicky, Hanover
The title of University Distinguished Professor is the highest honor Kansas State University can bestow on its faculty. This lifetime title recognizes faculty making outstanding contributions to teaching, research and service to their professions and communities. University Distinguished Professors are appointed following a universitywide competition conducted by the provost and senior vice president. Each recipient receives a commemorative medallion upon appointment.

The honorees

2018
Mary Beth Kirkham, Agronomy
David C. Poole, Kinesiology, and Anatomy and Physiology
Jim Sherow, History

2017
Phillip Klebba, Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics
Timothy Musch, Kinesiology, and Anatomy and Physiology
Anil Pahwa, Electrical and Computer Engineering
Yan Soibelman, Mathematics
Kun Yan Zhu, Entomology

2016
P.V. Vera Prasad, Agronomy
Bharat Ratra, Physics

2015
Wayne Goin, Music
Douglas S. McGregor, Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering

2014
Yolanda Broyles-Gonzalez, American Ethnic Studies
Gary Pierzynski, Agronomy
Sandra Stith, Family Studies and Human Services
Bhadripa Subramanyam, Grain Science and Industry

2013
James H. Edgar, Chemical Engineering
Stephen Higgs, Biosecurity Research Institute
Ryszard Jankowiak, Chemistry
Nancy Montero-Riviere, Anatomy and Physiology
Philip Nel, English
Jürgen A. Richt, Diagnostic Medicine and Pathobiology
Jim Riviere, Anatomy and Physiology
Mike Tokach, Animal Sciences and Industry

2012
Christer Aakeröy, Chemistry
Itzik Ben-Izhak, Physics
Susan Brown, Biology
Ruth Welti, Biology

2011
Michael Dryden, Diagnostic Medicine and Pathobiology
Brett Esry, Physics
John Hatchiff, Computing and Information Science
John Leslie, Plant Pathology
Xiuzhi "Susan" Sun, Grain Science and Industry

2010
Elizabeth Dodd, English
Anthony Joern, Biology

2009
Walter K. Dodds, Biology
Charles W. Rice, Agronomy

2008
Edgar Chambers IV, Human Nutrition
Philine Wangemann, Anatomy and Physiology
T.G. Nagaraja, Diagnostic Medicine and Pathobiology

2007
Dale Herspring, Political Science
Duy Hua, Chemistry
Subbaratnam Muthukrishnan, Biochemistry

2006
John M. Blair, Biology
Daniel C. Marcus, Anatomy and Physiology
Richard A. Marston, Geography

2005
Michael R. Kano, Biochemistry
Harald E.L. Prins, Anthropology
James Shanteau, Psychological Sciences

2004
James R. Coffman, Clinical Sciences (honorary)
David C. Hartnett, Biology
Yoshiro Ikeda, Art
Hongxing Jiang, Physics
Joseph V. Ortiz, Chemistry
Sonny Ramaswamy, Entomology
Ted Schroeder, Agricultural Economics

2003
M.M. Chengappa, Diagnostic Medicine and Pathobiology
Robert D. Linder, History
David A. Schmidt, Computing and Information Sciences

2002
Alan Knapp, Biology
S. Lillian Kremer, English
Thomas E. Roche, Biochemistry
Barbara Valenti, Plant Pathology

2001
Frank Blecha, Anatomy and Physiology
David Littrell, Music
Talat Rahman, Physics
Larry Takemoto, Biology
Dean Zollman, Physics

2000
Rob Denell, Biology
Christopher M. Sorensen, Cortelyou-Rust Distinguished Professor of Physics

1999
E. Wayne Nafziger, Economics

Brian S. Spooner, Biology

1998
Gary W. Conrad, Biology
Timothy R. Donoghue, Physics (honorary)
Jan E. Leach, Plant Pathology

1997
C. Lewis Cocke, Physics
Bikram S. Gill, Plant Pathology
Peter M.A. Sherwood, Chemistry

1994
John J. Iandolo, Pathology and Microbiology
James L. Marsden, Regents Distinguished Professor of Animal Sciences

1993
Neville "Bill" Reay, Physics

1990
Chii-Dong Lin, Physics
Michael W. Suleiman, Political Science

1989
William Fateley, Chemistry
Norman J. Fedler, Theatre
Terry Johnson, Biology

1988
Cornelia B. Flora, Sociology
Jonathan Holden, English
Kenneth W. Jones, History
Kenneth Klabunde, Chemistry
Patrick Richard, Cortelyou-Rust Distinguished Professor of Physics
Sadahiro Sacki, Mathematics

1987
L.T. Fan, Chemical Engineering
David Leith, Regents Distinguished Professor of Pathology
Donald Setser, Chemistry

1986
Duane Acker, Animal Sciences and Industry
Horst Leipold, Pathology

1985
Richard Consighi, Biology

1984
Kenneth Hoyt, Education

1974
Ernest E. Shult, Regents Distinguished Professor of Mathematics

1964
Dudley Williams, Regents Distinguished Professor of Physics
The Coffman Chair for University Distinguished Teaching Scholars was created in 1995 to underscore Kansas State University's commitment to excellence in undergraduate teaching and learning. A faculty member acknowledged as a leading teaching scholar is appointed to the chair by the university's provost and executive vice president for one academic year. All who hold the chair retain the title of University Distinguished Teaching Scholar throughout their careers. During the year in residence, the scholar's time and resources are spent advancing the interests of undergraduate teaching and learning at the university.

The honorees

2018–2019
Keith Hohn, Chemical Engineering

2017–2018
Todd Easton, Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering

2016–2017
Patricia Ackerman, Arts, Sciences and Business

2015–2016
Donald Saucier, Psychological Sciences

2014–2015
Mick Charney, Architecture

2013–2014
John Fliter Jr., Political Science

2012–2013
N. Sanjay Rebello, Physics

2011–2012
Michael Wesch, Anthropology

2010–2011
Kimberly Williams, Horticulture

2009–2010
Doug Benson, Modern Languages

2008–2009
Greg Eiselein, English

2007–2008
Christopher M. Sorensen, Physics

2006–2007
Roger Mchane, Management

2005–2006
Michael Boland, Agricultural Economics

2004–2005
Harald E.L. Prins, Anthropology

2003–2004
Andrew Barkley, Agricultural Economics

2002–2003
Jana Fallin, Music

2001–2002
Medhat M. Morcos, Electrical and Computer Engineering

2000–2001
Stephen Thien, Agronomy

1999–2000
Larry Williams, Biology

1998–1999
Bryan Schurle, Agricultural Economics

1997–1998
Ann Stalheim-Smith, Biology

1996–1997
Dean Zollman, Physics

1995–1996
Cliff Meloan, Chemistry
University administration
Richard B. Myers, President
Charles S. Taber, Provost and Executive Vice President
Cindy Bontrager, Vice President for Administration and Finance
Pat Bosco, Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students
Peter Dorhout, Vice President for Research
Jeffery Morris, Vice President for Communications and Marketing
Gary Pratt, Chief Information Officer
Bryan Samuel, Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer
Jay Stephens, Vice President for Human Capital

Academic divisions
Ernie Minton, Interim Dean, College of Agriculture; and Director, K-State Research and Extension
Timothy de Noble, Dean, College of Architecture, Planning & Design
Amir Chakrabarti, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Kevin Gwinner, Dean, College of Business Administration
Debbie Mercer, Dean, College of Education
Darren Dawson, Dean, College of Engineering
John Buckwalter, Dean, College of Human Ecology
Alysia Starkey, Interim CEO and Dean, Kansas State University Polytechnic Campus
Bonnie Rush, Interim Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine
Carol Shanklin, Dean, Graduate School
Karen Pedersen, Dean, K-State Global Campus
Lori A. Goetsch, Dean, K-State Libraries
Ralph C. Richardson, CEO and Dean, K-State Olathe

Kansas Board of Regents
The Kansas Board of Regents is the governing board of the state’s six universities and the statewide coordinating board for the state’s 32 public higher education institutions — seven public universities, 19 community colleges and six technical colleges. The president and CEO of the Kansas Board of Regents is Blake Flanders. The following individuals are members of the Board of Regents:

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Ann Brandau-Murguia, Kansas City
Bill Feuerborn, Garnett
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Dennis Mullin, Manhattan
Dave Murfin, Wichita
Allen Schmidt, Hays
Daniel Thomas, Mission Hills
Helen Van Etten, Topeka

Alumni membership
All colleges have provided graduates with a one-year membership to the K-State Alumni Association. Graduates also will receive a gift from the alumni association in recognition of their graduation today. K-Staters are some of the most loyal alumni in the country, and we are excited to welcome you into a new relationship with your alma mater. The K-State Alumni Association is your link for life to K-State. Learn more and stay connected by visiting K-State.com.

Program notes
The Commerce Bank and W.T. Kemper Foundation Teaching Awards are funded by the W.T. Kemper Foundation and the Commerce Bancshares Foundation.

The organ was supplied by Mid-America Piano, Manhattan.

Terry Ferguson is the bagpiper for all ceremonies at Bramlage Coliseum and at Kansas State University Polytechnic Campus.

If available, the hometowns of undergraduate students from Kansas are included in the listing of degree candidates. For students from out of state or out of country, the hometown and state or country are included.

Commencement questions?
If you have questions or comments about commencement, please contact: Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President, Kansas State University, 108 Anderson Hall, 919 Mid-Campus Drive North, Manhattan, KS 66506-0113, 785-532-6224, graduation@k-state.edu.